



CITY OF LODI

COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

AGENDA TITLE: Graffiti and Graffiti Abatement

MEETING DATE: February 19, 1992

PREPARED BY: City Manager

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Information only.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: Mr. Arthur Price, 1053 Port Chelsea Circle, Lodi has requested that the subject of Graffiti and Graffiti Abatement be placed on the agenda for the February 19, 1992 meeting so that he may update the City Council on his observations regarding the matter.

Attached is information received from Mr. Price regarding the matter.

FUNDING: Not applicable at this time

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas A. Peterson
City Manager

TAP:br

Attachments

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APPROVED

THOMAS A. PETERSON

The City Council of Lodi passed a Graffiti Abatement ordinance in January 1991. After waiting until April 1991 I contacted Mr. Jack Ronsko, Public Works Director, as to why there was no apparent implementation of the ordinance. Mr. Ronsko advised me that a volunteer program by the Woman's Club of Lodi was being put in place. I participated in this volunteer program which started strongly but foundered in August due to internal problems at the Woman's Club. When all progress by the Woman's Club stopped, I wrote a letter to the Club expressing my disappointment in the collapse of its program (included in packet). I then wrote a letter to Mr. Ronsko again pertaining to his intent in implementing the ordinance (included in packet). Despite the good intentions of the Woman's Club its program resulted in a delay of almost one year in the implementation of an effective Graffiti Abatement program. In response to my letter Mr. Ronsko set up an appointment for me to meet Mr. Glenn Baltzer, Street Superintendent, to discuss the graffiti problem. Mr. Baltzer enlisted my aid in obtaining "Hold Harmless" agreements. On February 2 and 3 I obtained "Hold Harmless" releases for mine properties in the area designated as District 2 in the abatement program - roughly East of the railroad tracks between Lodi Avenue and Tokay Street. In obtaining these releases I discovered how difficult it would be for me as a sole volunteer to have any real impact. Many of the properties where work was needed were closed on weekends or vacant. I work in Stockton and cannot be in Lodi on week days. BUT REALLY MORE TO THE POINT IS THE FACT THAT MY ACTIVITY WOULD BE A PALLIATIVE, AN EXCUSE FOR FURTHER DELAY IN IMPLEMENTING AN EFFECTIVE PROGRAM. I am willing to continue working but I am NOT willing to play that role.

In talking with Mr. Baltzer, he made clear to me the problems he encountered in combatting graffiti. His crew has full time work on the streets, street signs, intersections, maintenance, etc. At best combatting graffiti could be but a minor activity for his crews. They are neither trained nor prepared to match paints, remove certain types of substances, obtain "Hold Harmless" forms or search out areas where graffiti is prevalent but off the beaten path. Above all private citizens, public officials as well as the police know that PROMPT

REMOVAL of graffiti is essential. Graffiti allowed to remain breeds graffiti. At best Mr. Raltzer's crew could only make an occasional "sweep" through an area. He made it clear that his men could not "hopscotch" the city. I fully understand Mr. Raltzer's dilemma and concur in his conclusions.

I would therefore request that the Council consider AND approve an alternative solution - the use of an independent contractor to preform the Grafitti Abatement services. We have in Lodi such an independent contractor, Mr. Dennis Cochran, DBA Grafitti Abatement Service, State Contractors License #413028. Mr. Cochran is licensed in Lodi and Stockton, a member of the Chamber of Commerce and is bonded for one million dollars by Sanguinetti Insurance Company. I have no personal interest in his company other than to have seen his work and performance. I know also that as Lodi residents we share a dedication to keep Lodi a clean, beautiful, graffiti free city. Mr. Cochran is an expert in his field. He has a complete anti-graffiti program which can include a graffiti resistant paint, paint blending and removal of foreign substances on both public and private edifices, mail boxes, power boxes, etc. regardless of the surface involved. I hope his company makes a profit but that is not my concern. I know he has cleaned up some areas of graffiti at his own expense. I have also been told by Mr. Ronsko that Mr. Cochran's charges are much lower by far than could be provided by the city without even approaching his level of expertise. At my request Mr. Cochran is submitting a proposal to the Council. The stated objective of the proposal is to ELIMINATE graffiti from Lodi. I am including in your packet several testimonials including a letter from Congressman John L. Doolittle. I am also including only two photos. The first because I was amazed that such a large amount of graffiti could be removed in only five minutes. The second because it is in my neighborhood. I know in fact that he has returned five times to touch it up. What Mr. Cochran fails to say is that the vandals, knowing that their efforts are futile, have stopped marking up the wall altogether. Mr Cochran has a full portfolio of color "before and after" shots which show his work. I am sure he will make himself available to the Council to amplify my remarks and answer any questions that the members might have for him. I make this recommendation whole-heartily because I am convinced that Mr. Cochran will complete the task set before him.

When the Council enacted the Grafitti Abatement ordinance it made

an important decision for the future of Lodi. However, to this point the decision has not been accompanied by a determination to succeed, followed by an allocation of resources sufficient to ensure success. The time to act is now. The City deserves no less.

Arthur B. Price

GRAFFITI ABATEMENT SERVICE
935 COLOMA STREET.
LODI, CALIF. 95240

PROPOSAL AND CONTRACT

DATE; 1-13-92

CONTRACT NUMBER; 1942

TO; OWNER/AGENT;

CITY of LODI

DEAF: SIR;

I propose to furnish all materials and perform all labor necessary to complete the following.

Start a Graffiti Abatement Program, by eliminating graffiti on all surfaces. I will request a non-responsability form from any property owners as the need arises. I will furnish detailed reports on all completed objectives. I would like a 6 month contract for approximately 20 hours per month, at 30 dollars per hour. I would be very flexible on this actuate.

6311 of the above work to be completed in a substantial and workmanlike manner according to standard practices for the sum of 30.00 per hr, 20.hrs. per mo. for 6 mo. DOLLARS, <\$30.per-hr

Payments to be made, negotiable

to the value of _____ per cent, % of all work completed.
the entire amount of contract to be paid ulthin, _____ days
after completion.

Any alteration or deviation from the above specification involving extra cost of material or labor will only be executed upon written orders for same, and will become an extra charge.

CONTRACTOR Lic # 413098

BOND # 907332

SANQUINetti, INS CO,
ACCEPTANCE

Respectfully submitted,

by: _____

Dennis Cochran

You are hereby authorized to furnish all materials and labor required to complete the work mentioned in the proposal, for which, I / We, agree to pay the amount mentioned in said proposal, and according to the terms thereof.

ACCEPTED;

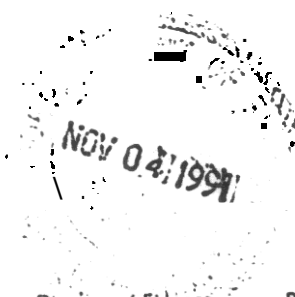
DATE; _____ ***

NOTE

THE \$30⁰⁰ PER HR WOULD BE FOR
CLEANING, TOUCHUPS, BLENDING. IF A
PERSON HAD A BIG WALL OR A
LARGE PAINTING JOB A PAINT
ALLOWANCE SHOULD BE CONSIDERED
IF 10-20 GALS PAINT REQUIRED.

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ISSUED
TO Graffiti Abatement Service
MAILING 801 Laver Ct
ADDRESS Lodi, CA 95242



EXPIRATION DATE 12/31/91
AMOUNT \$

SEE REVERSE SIDE

Director of Finance

By *A. Quast*

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Business License			
COCHRAN, DENNIS M		DATE ISSUED	1/01/92
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COLOMA ST			
LODI			
CA 95240			
<small>THE PERSON, FIRM, OR CORPORATION NAMED HEREON IS HEREBY GRANTED A LICENSE PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF ORDINANCE 375.</small>		<small>DBA</small> GRAFFITI ABATEMENT SERVICE <small>LOC</small> JANITORIAL/SUPPLIES 935 COLOMA ST LODI CA <i>H. D. Shapiro</i> FINANCE DIRECTOR	
1992			

CUSTOMER # 15851

CERTIFICATE OF INSURANCE

ISSUE DATE: 12/04

PRODUCER
SANGUINETTI & CO.
INSURANCE AGENTS-BROKERS
1149 N. EL DORADO, STE A
STOCKTON, CALIFORNIA
ZIP CODE 95202

THIS CERTIFICATE IS ISSUED AS A MATTER OF INFORMATION ONLY AND CONFERS NO RIGHTS UPON THE CERTIFICATE HOLDER. THIS CERTIFICATE DOES NOT AMEND, EXTEND OR ALTER THE COVERAGE AFFORDED BY THE POLICIES BELOW.

COMPANIES AFFORDING COVERAGE

COMPANY LETTER A ALLIED MUTUAL INS CO

COMPANY LETTER B

COMPANY LETTER C

COMPANY LETTER D

COMPANY LETTER E

INSURED
GRAFFITI ABATEMENT SVC.
D. COCHRAN & G. HINSZ
501 LAVER ST.
LODI, CALIFORNIA
ZIP CODE 95240

COVERAGES

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT POLICIES OF INSURANCE LISTED BELOW HAVE BEEN ISSUED TO THE INSURED NAMED ABOVE FOR THE POLICY PERIOD INDICATED. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY REQUIREMENT, TERM OR CONDITION OF ANY CONTRACT OR OTHER DOCUMENT WITH RESPECT TO WHICH THIS CERTIFICATE MAY BE ISSUED OR MAY PERTAIN, THE INSURANCE AFFORDED BY THE POLICIES DESCRIBED HEREIN IS SUBJECT TO ALL THE TERMS, EXCLUSIONS, AND CONDITIONS OF SUCH POLICIES. LIMITS SHOWN MAY HAVE BEEN REDUCED BY PAID CLAIMS.

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	AUTOMOBILE LIABILITY () ANY AUTO () ALL OWNED AUTOS () SCHEDULED AUTOS () HIRED AUTOS () NON-OWNED AUTOS () GARAGE LIABILITY ()				COMBINED SINGLE LIMIT \$ BODILY INJURY (PER PERSON) \$ BODILY INJURY (PER ACC) \$ PROPERTY DAMAGE \$
	EXCESS LIABILITY () UMBRELLA FORM () OTHER THAN UMBRELLA FORM				EACH OCCURRENCE \$ AGGREGATE \$
	WORKER'S COMPENSATION AND EMPLOYER'S LIABILITY				() STATUTORY LIMITS EACH ACCIDENT \$ DISEASE-POLICY LIMIT \$ DISEASE-EACH EMPLOYEE \$
	OTHER				

DESCRIPTION OF OPERATIONS/LOCATIONS/VEHICLES/SPECIAL ITEMS

LUCKY STORES SHALL BE INCLUDED AS ADDITIONAL INSURED WITH RESPECT TO WORK PERFORMED BY THE NAMED INSURED

CERTIFICATE HOLDER

LUCKY STORES
ATTN: JON YOUNG
P.O. BOX 5008
SAN LEANDRO, CALIFORNIA
ZIP CODE 94577

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SHOULD ANY OF THE ABOVE DESCRIBED POLICIES BE CANCELLED BEFORE THE EXPIRATION DATE THEREOF, THE ISSUING COMPANY WILL ENDEAVOR TO MAIL 30 DAYS WRITTEN NOTICE TO THE CERTIFICATE HOLDER NAMED TO THE LEFT, BUT FAILURE TO MAIL SUCH NOTICE SHALL IMPOSE NO OBLIGATION OR LIABILITY OF ANY KIND UPON THE COMPANY, ITS AGENTS OR REPRESENTATIVES.

AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE
SHARON K. SHALSKI



CITY OF STOCKTON

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS & RECREATION
METROPOLITAN PARKS & RECREATION PROGRAM
CITY HALL
STOCKTON, CA 95201

September 12, 1988

Dennis Cochran, Sales Representative
American Graffiti Service
244 Watson Street
Lodi, CA 95240

Dear Dennis:

I am writing to let you know how pleased we are with the "Graffiti Buster Program" we started in March of this year at the Morelli Park restroom building.

Prior to starting this program, we had a continual problem of graffiti at Morelli Park. The graffiti would reappear on the building within a few days after **our** painting and the building constantly looked unsightly.

Since the application of "Graffiti Buster Paint" and the service you have provided, graffiti is wiped off as easily as it is generated and the building always looks clean.

Sincerely,

LARRY NORDSTROM
PARKS SUPERINTENDENT/
LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT

LN:bac

cc: Emil Seifert, Director

CALIFORNIA & COOLER &

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

We at California Cooler have utilized the services of the "Graffiti Buster" on one of our warehouses with excellent results. This particular warehouse was covered with various graffiti. However, the "Graffiti Buster" was able to cover the surface with his special coating. These surfaces have since had Paint applied on several occasions and the "Graffiti Buster" was able to remove the vandalism with terrific results every time.

In summary, we are very confident in recommending the "Graffiti Busters" product and service to anyone who has a similar problem.

Woody Foran

Woody Foran
Warehouse Manager/California Cooler

WF/cb

California Cooler Co.

a division of

Brown-Forman Beverage Co.

2601 Teepee Drive • Post Office Box 55329 • Stockton, California 95205

Telephone: (209) 466-7000

November 16, 1990



Mr. Bob McNatt
City Attorney's Office
221 West Pine Street
P.O. BOX 3006
Lodi, CA 95241-1910

Dear Mr. McNatt and Council Members:

We recently constructed a new office building in Woodbridge and were concerned about graffiti problems since both the nearby Masonic Lodge and Ravinius Market have been trashed with graffiti. After our first graffiti, we had the graffiti removed and painted over by American Graffiti Service of Lodi. This firm guarantees protection by removing and painting over repeated graffiti attacks. American Graffiti Service matched our paint color perfectly and we have had no repetition of the first spray painting. since our firm deals in real estate appraisals, sales and developing, a primary concern is maintaining our property value. Therefore, we highly recommend the American Graffiti service to other individuals or municipalities.

Very truly yours,

DUNCAN, DUNCAN & ASSOCIATES, INC.

Gary C. Duncan
Gary & - Duncan

Duncan, Duncan & Associates

Real Estate Appraisals & Sales

18815 N. Lower Sacramento Road, Suite B-2, P.O. Box 1066, Woodbridge, California 95258.1066

Lodi: (209) 334.6717 Stockton (209) 957 1088 Fax: (209) 334.2521

JOHN T. DOOLITTLE

14TH DISTRICT, CALIFORNIA

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DAVID G. LOPEZ
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT
MARTHA L. FRANCO
EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT

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House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-0514

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SUITE 200
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(916) 796-8888
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(800) 595-1888
LANCE W. HASTINGS
DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVE

December 20, 1991

Mr. Anthony Frank
Postmaster General
United States Postal Service
475 L'Enfant Plaza, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20260

Dear Mr. Frank:

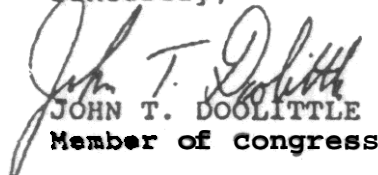
I have recently been informed that the United States Postal service is considering the closing of the Mid Town station in Stockton, California.

Downtown Stockton Associates and other groups are attempting to revitalize the downtown area. I have been assisting their efforts since October, when my office made an inquiry to the USPS on behalf of Mr. Dennis Cochran and the Chamber of Commerce. To close the Mid Town Station, when the efforts of these local groups are in their infancy, would be a devastating blow.

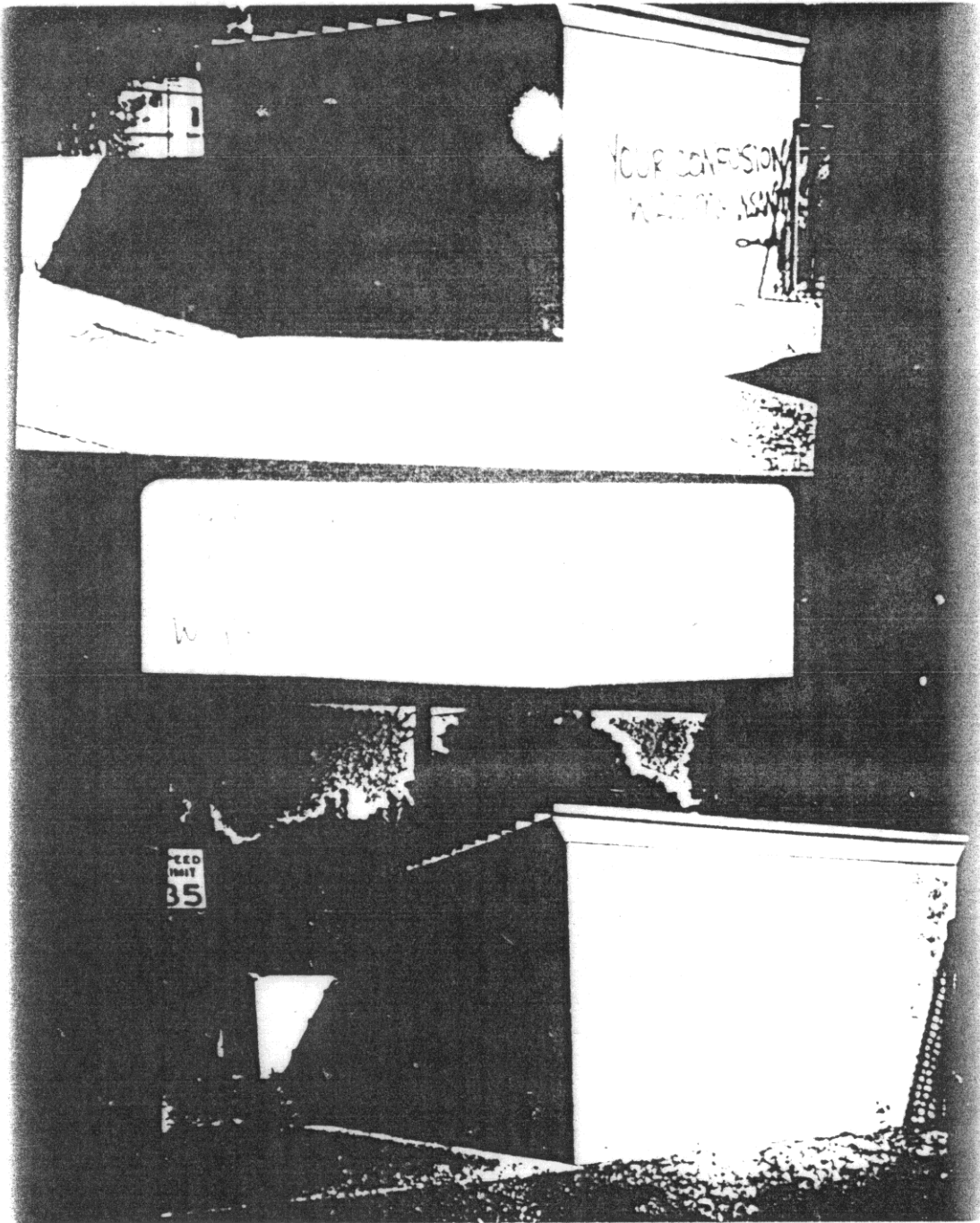
I realize that the safety of the workers at the facility is a concern, and it should be. However, I am sure that if the Postal Service would contact the local groups, measures could be developed that would ensure the safety of the workers. This would also keep the hub of the downtown area intact and allow local merchants to obtain the needed services only a working Postal Office can provide.

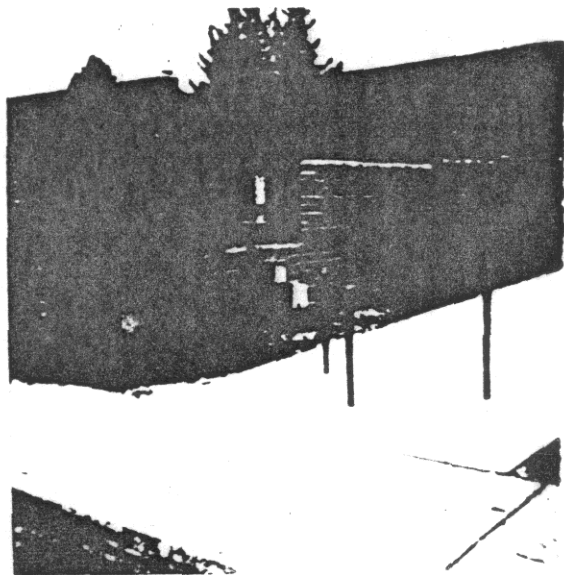
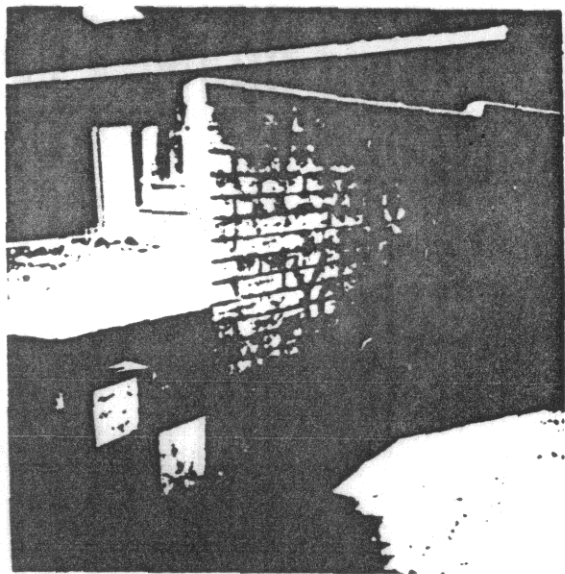
Thank you for your time and consideration in this matter. If I can be of assistance to you, please do not hesitate to contact me or my assistant, Greg Hurner, at (916) 392-3015.

Sincerely,


JOHN T. DOOLITTLE
Member of Congress

JTD:gph





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Lodi to attack wall writing

By MICHAEL DRUMMOND

News-Sentinel staff writer

Black gangs. White supremacist gangs. Hispanic gangs. Asian gangs. All have found a niche in Lodi and the proof is spray painted on the walls.

Lodi Police Sgt. Frank Grenko, armed with a silent 10 minute video, shocked Lodi City Councilmembers Wednesday night with his presentation on gang infestation in liveable, loveable Lodi.

"South Side Gangster Crips" — an offshoot of the infamous Los Angeles gang — "South Side Lodi," "Supreme White Power" and "Asian Street Walkers" are a few of the street gangs that paint their marks on buildings to spread their influence and establish territory,

Grenko said.

"The insignia are very significant to law enforcement," Grenko said, referring to the fact police can link gang movements to what is spray painted on the city's walls.

"We do have a graffiti problem in Lodi," Mayor Randy Snider said after the video. His comments were echoed by other councilmembers.

Although most of the footage focused on the walls behind the Vineyard shopping mall on Kettleman Lane and a park near Tokay High School, Lodian Arthur Price said he was concerned that graffiti is spreading throughout the whole city.

"I'm interested in the whole City of Lodi," Price said. "I'm afraid it's

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houses reduced to rubble—B-8

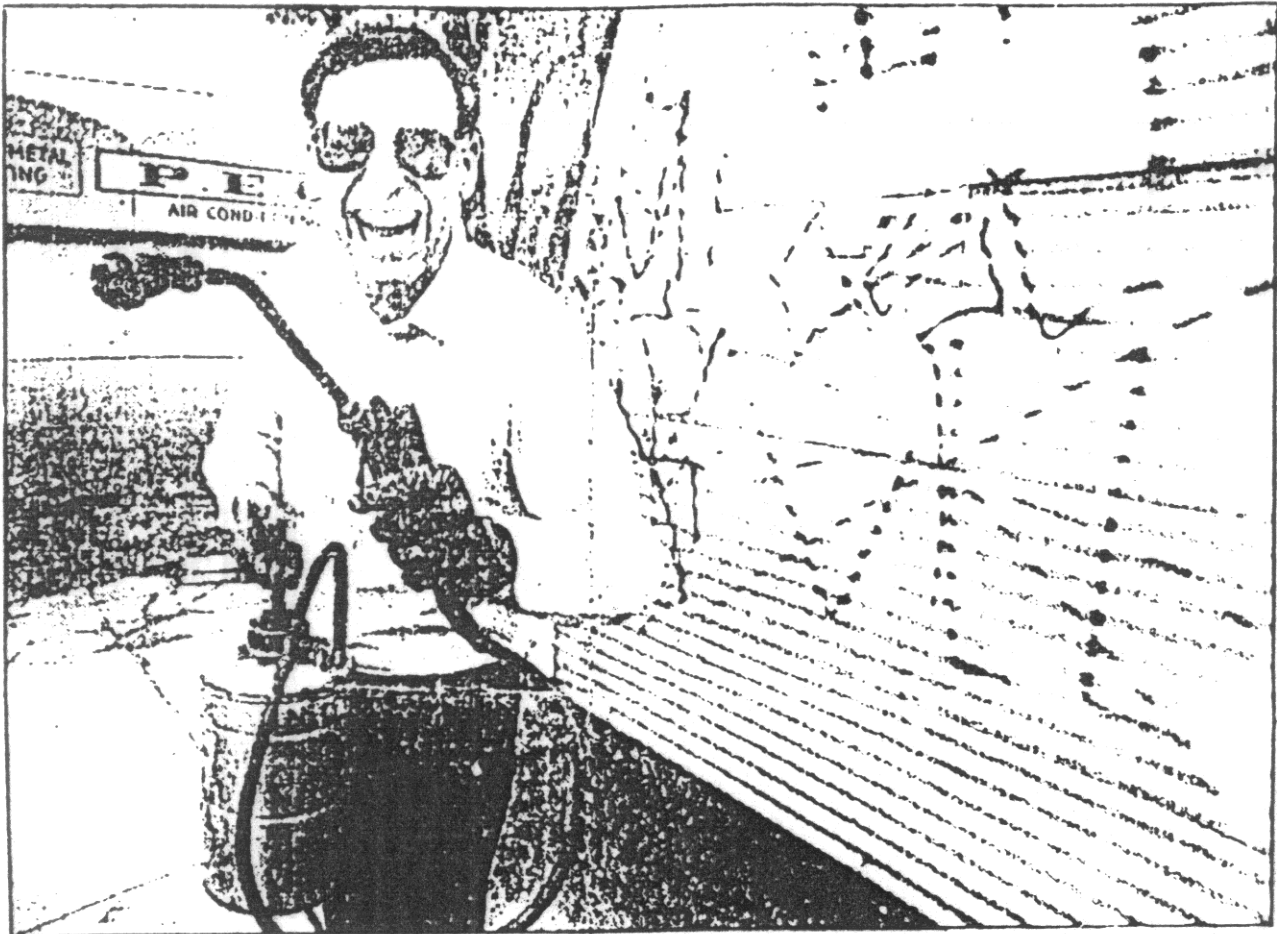
Stock 'churning' trial begins—B-8

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Graffiti Buster



Record photo by CALIXTRO ROMAS

GRAFFITIGLEE Dennis Cochran prepares his spray gun for battle in his one-man chemical war against graffiti

Secret weapon in war on graffiti

Lodi chemical salesman guarantees he'll keep buildings clean

By LINDA SUMMERS LAYFIELD
The Stockton Record

LODI — A Quonset hut at Aurora and Jefferson streets in Stockton is covered with graffiti: "Spider Choo Choo SSS" "Clay St. Was Here"

another chemical to wash it off.

In a demonstration on one of his treated buildings, he spray painted a 2 foot-long black stripe. He then sprayed the stripe, which immediately began dissolving and dripping, then disappeared with a

that could remove graffiti paint without disturbing the paint underneath. Cochran says he tried it and became convinced that it's the only system that really works.

There are some doubters

Len Fischer, Lodi school district's

■

Mr. Jack Ronsko
City of Lodi
221 West Pine Street
Call Box 3006
Lodi, CA 95241-1910

January 13, 1992

Dear Jack,

I am sending you a copy of my letter to the Woman's Club. Although I have not contacted you since April, I have continued my own efforts to combat graffiti throughout the year. Some of the things I have done are as follows:

1. Gone out on all woman's Club paint-outs except the first one which was on a wee) day.
2. Repainted the house on Garfield between Eden and Tokay streets on several occasions.
3. Painted out the "Jesus Loves You" signs on the Sunset Cinema, the abandoned drive-in on Lodi Avenue and the warehouse on the corner of Main and Elm.
4. Repainted the walls and the benches on the walkway off Brandywine several times.
5. Painted over gross obscenities on the overhead door south of Round Table Pizza.
6. Touched up the wall between Fort Chelsea Circle and Newbury Circle.
7. Cleaned play-ground equipment, poles and benches at English Oaks Common.
8. Called Ron Williamson about new graffiti at English Oaks Commons which was removed with a water blaster.
9. Called Frank Martin at Smart Market about graffiti which he took care of.
10. Called Dennis Cochran to do remedial work on the wall of Wimbledon.
11. Contacted L.F.D. to report new gang graffiti - "P.B.S.", "S.B.S." and "S.W.P."

There were others. I mention all these in indicate that my desire to have Lodi Cree of graffiti has not diminished during 1991. Like you I had high hopes that the Woman's Club program would be successful. In no way did I wish to interfere with their efforts. Unfortunately, I believe their program is a failure and that it is now time for the City of Lodi to accept responsibility as I believe was the intent of the ordinance enacted by the City Council.

Best Regards,

Arthur B. Price

Arthur B. Price
1053 Port Chelsea Circle
Lodi, CA 95240

Woman's Club of Lodi
325 West Pine Street
Lodi, CA 95240

January 13, 1992

Dear Madams,

In Late October I received a notice of the cancellation of the November 9th "Graffiti Paint-Out". I was surprised to receive this cancellation notice as I was not aware that a work day had been scheduled. In another sense, I was not surprised that the event was cancelled. The fact is that the "Anti-graffiti Program" of the Woman's Club has around to a quick halt since the resignation of Mary Wetherington. There does not appear to be any comprehensive plan of attack, organization or dedication to the program. The last work day was in late August so we are looking at a hiatus of five months between work days. all momentum has been lost. I doubt that more than a handful would show up for the next work day. The area of Central Avenue and Garfield is right back where we started in April because of the lack of follow through. Reluctantly I have concluded that the program by the Woman's Club is moribund and will not do the job. Consequently, I will be contacting Jack Ronsko and if necessary returning to the City Council to request implementation of the ordinance as passed. In all fairness, I believe the balance of any cash or supplies that have been donated to the Woman's Club should be given to the City of Lodi.

Sincerely,



Arthur B. Price
1053 Port Chelsea Circle
Lodi, CA 95240

Chapter 9.28

GRAFFITI ABATEMENT

Sections:

- 9.28.010 Findings.
- 9.28.020 Definitions.
- 9.28.030 Graffiti prohibited.
- 9.28.040 Removal of graffiti.
- 9.28.050 Sale or possession of pressurized paint cans.
- 9.28.060 Possession of spray paint in public park, square, playground, swimming pool or recreational facility.
- 9.28.070 Exemptions.
- 9.28.080 Penalty.

9.28.010 Findings.

The city council finds that graffiti on public and private property contributes to the creation of blight, negatively affects the value of surrounding property, visually & ads from neighborhoods and generally lowers the quality of life in the city. The council further finds that graffiti is often related to the activities or territories of street gangs and its presence encourages proliferation of additional graffiti unless abated promptly. To promote the health, safety and welfare of the public, the ordinance codified in this chapter is adopted to alleviate vandalism and halt the spread of such nuisances. (Ord. 1502 § 1 (part), 1990)

9.28.020 Definitions.

A. "Graffiti" means the unauthorized placing upon any public or private building, fence, structure or other property of any message, words, letters, pictures, symbols or

other marking by scratching, carving, the spraying of paint, or the use of chalk, dye or other similar substance.

B. "Responsible party" means the owner, manager or person in lawful possession of property upon which graffiti has been placed.

C. "Unauthorized" means without the explicit consent of the owner or person in possession of or responsible party for the affected private property in the public official responsible for public property, to any act described in this chapter. (Ord. 1502 § 1 (part), 1990)

9.28.030 Graffiti prohibited.

It is unlawful for any person to scratch, carve, paint, chalk or otherwise apply any unauthorized graffiti on any public or privately-owned building, fence, structure or other property. (Ord. 1502 § 1 (part), 1990)

9.28.040 Removal of graffiti.

When graffiti or other inscribed material is capable of being viewed from a public right-of-way or any place the public has a right to be, and the responsible party consents thereto or requests the cooperation of the city, the public works director may provide for the removal of such graffiti. If the director provides for such removal, he or she shall not authorize nor undertake to provide for the painting or repair of any more extensive area than that necessary to cover the graffiti. Prior to graffiti abatement by the public works department, the responsible party shall be required to execute a written release, holding the city harmless and acknowledging that the covering paint may not match the color of the structure upon which it is placed. (Ord. 1502 § 1 (part), 1990)

9.28.050

**9.28.050 Sale or possession of
P ——— paint cans.**

It is unlawful in the city for any person to sell, give, loan, exchange, or cause or permit to be sold, given, loaned or exchanged any pressurized can(s) containing any substance commonly known as paint or dye to any person under the age of eighteen years, unless such person is the parent or legal guardian of such minor. No person under the age of eighteen years shall purchase any pressurized can(s) containing paint or dye (Ord. 1502 § 1 (part), 1990)

**9.28.060 Possession of spray paint in
public park, square,
playground, swimming
pool or recreational facility.**

No person shall have in his or her possession any pressurized can(s) containing paint or dye while in any city-owned public park, square, playground, swimming pool or re-

creational facility of the city. (Ord. 1502 § 1 (part), 1990)

9.28.070 Exemptions.

The provisions of this chapter regulating the sale, furnishing or possession of spray paint shall not apply to:

A. Authorized employees of the city of Lodi;

B. Persons or firms under contract with the city while engaged in authorized activities under such contract;

C. Employees or agents of a firm or business utilizing such items in the normal course of business, while actually engaged in such employment activities. (Ord. 1502 § 1 (part), 1990)

9.28.080 Penalty.

A violation of this chapter shall be an infraction, punishable by a fine not exceeding five hundred dollars. (Ord. 1502 § 1 (part), 1990)

Mrs. Alice M. Reimche
City Clerk

2/5/92
Lodi, Ca.

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FEB 19 1992

Dear Mrs. Reimche,

CITY CLERK
CITY OF LODI

This is my request that the
subject of graffiti and graffiti abatement
be entered as an agenda item for the
Council meeting of Feb. 19, 1992. Thank you.

Sincerely,
Arthur B. Price
1053 Port Chelsea Circle
Lodi, Ca. 95240

Stockton OKs strict law to rid city of graffiti

By Jim Nickles
The Stockton Record

Paint graffiti. Go to jail.

Sell 3 marker pens to 3 minor.

Pay 3 line.

Turn in 3 graffiti artist. Get a \$250 reward.

Those are some of the provisions of a no-nonsense anti-graffiti law adopted late Tuesday by the Stockton City Council.

The law, which will take effect in five weeks, received mixed reviews Wednesday from business leaders and community workers.

While all agreed that graffiti has become a widespread problem, some were skeptical that a city with major budget problems has the resources to chase graffiti artists.

"I think it's going to be real difficult to enforce," said Paula Edwards, executive director of the Greater Stockton Chamber of Commerce.

"Some enforcement aspects of it sound a little bit complicated," said Lincoln Ellis, director of the Boys and Girls Club of Stockton, which puts its young members to work painting over graffiti.

The measure establishes criminal penalties for defacing public and private property, makes it illegal in some circumstances to sell or lend spray paint or marker pens to young people, and requires property owners to clean up graffiti-marked buildings.

"I feel like it needs to be med out," said Mayor Jom Darrah, who said city officials had worked on the measure for more than 3 years. "It's a good first step, and we'll see how it goes."

It also will be illegal for anyone younger than 18 to possess spray pens or marker pens unless minors

Wiping out graffiti

Major points of an anti-graffiti law approved by the Stockton City Council:

- It will be illegal for those under 18 to possess spray paint or marker pens unless minors are under supervision of a parent, teacher or guardian or on private property with the consent of the owner.

- The measure establishes a \$250 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of graffiti vandals.

- Violators could be subject to citation or misdemeanor penalties, at the discretion of the city attorney.

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The measure also establishes a \$250 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of graffiti vandals.

Those violating the measure could be subject to citation or misdemeanor penalties, at the discretion of the city attorney.

"I don't see paying someone \$250 to call in someone they saw spraying graffiti," said Claude Brooks, president of the Stockton/San Joaquin Black Chamber of Commerce.

Moreover, he said, by making it difficult for minors to purchase marker pens, "We are condemning all kids under 18. And all kids are not responsible for it."

G R A F F I T I

Graffiti, or graffiti (plural), is defined by Webster's Seventh New Collegiate Dictionary as "a rude inscription or drawing found on rocks or walls." Even more so, self pride, cultural pride, or neighborhood pride are not shown by contribution to the deterioration of neighborhoods through vandalizing private and community property.

Graffiti writers, by and large, are those individuals who are involved in gangs. First of all, gangs include their name, moniker (nick name), and the part of the state they claim, XIII for South, or XIV for North, Crips or Bloods, SWP, or Indo-Chinese. Secondly, gangs put up graffiti to let others know of their supposed Primacy over an area or just let it be known they are alive and well. Thirdly, graffiti is an intricate system of codes/symbols passed down from one generation to the next. And lastly, graffiti is a non-verbal message intended just for those who know the code, a deadly one at times.

The results of graffiti vary, it all depends on a person's interpretation. The average person views it as an eyesore, as destruction of private property, and they are not overly impressed by it. To the trained eye, it's a destructive, selfish form of expression contributing to the devaluation and deterioration of neighborhood property. Graffiti can and does cause gang fights. Overall, graffiti makes a neighborhood and a city look bad, and removal of such "kids play" can be very costly, in both time and money.

The individuals who write graffiti paint an unfavorable picture of the individual himself, noting that this is the only way a person can express himself. Graffiti writers want to be known (in a negative way), and are identified with a particular style or sub-culture. Individuals who write graffiti may also have psychological problems.

Secondly, graffiti writers paint an unfavorable picture of their cultural group. Other cultural groups that do not participate in graffiti writing as much, think the culture that writes graffiti has an identity and or a cultural problem.

Lastly, the neighborhoods and community where graffiti is written suffer an ongoing eyesore. Newcomers to a city looking for the clean neighborhoods and businesses looking to relocate will look at the physical makeup of a city. Would the average person want to live in an unattractive neighborhood? Would you place your business in a shoddy part of a town? People who write graffiti need to ask themselves: How would they feel if someone else wrote on or marked up something that belonged to them or their parents?

During the summer of 1991 the Stockton City Council approved an anti-graffiti law. The major points are 1) it will be illegal for those under 18 to possess spray paint or make dens unless minors are under supervision of a parent, teacher, guardian or on private property with the consent of the owner, 2) the measure establishes a \$250.00 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of graffiti vandals, and 3) violators could be subject to citation or misdemeanor penalties, at the discretion of the city attorney.

TYPES OF GRAFFITI

1. Gang
2. Graffiti Art
3. Tagging
4. Personal
5. Satanic

GANG GRAFFITI

1. Hispanic - Block Letters
Norte (North) - XIV - Red
Sur (South) - XIII - Blue
2. Black
Crip - Blue
Blood - Red
3. Filipino - Basic Black Lettering
4. Asian - Either Red, Blue, or Black
5. White - No Specified Colors



CITY OF STOCKTON

HOUSING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT
305 N. ELDOorado STREET, SUITE 200
STOCKTON, CA 95202-2306
209 944-8538

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

TO: _____

FROM: City of Stockton
Housing and Economic Development Department

SUBJECT: GRAFFITI REMOVAL

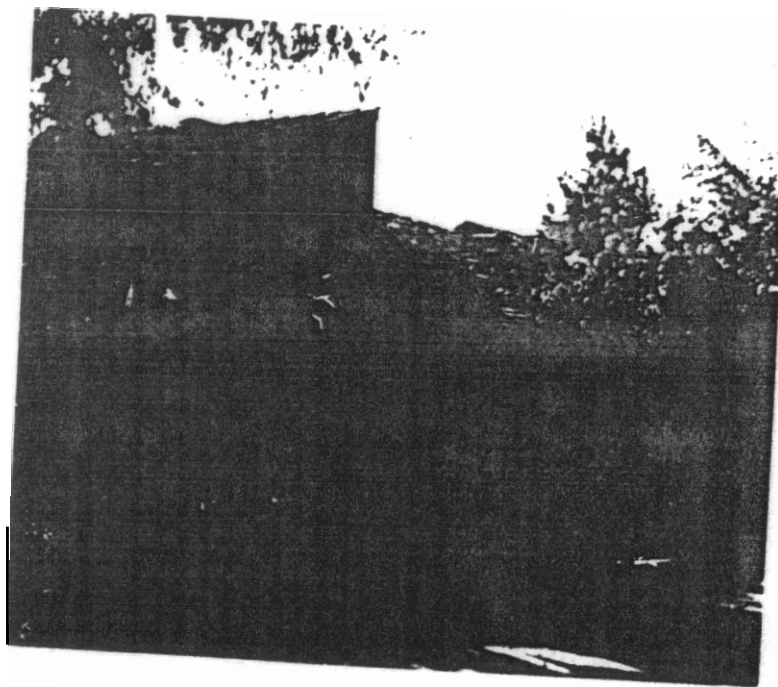
In support of your desire and that of your organization to improve Stockton by removing graffiti from private property, the City wishes to offer _____ gallons of paint currently available to us which is being held in storage to be applied by your organization at the following location(s):

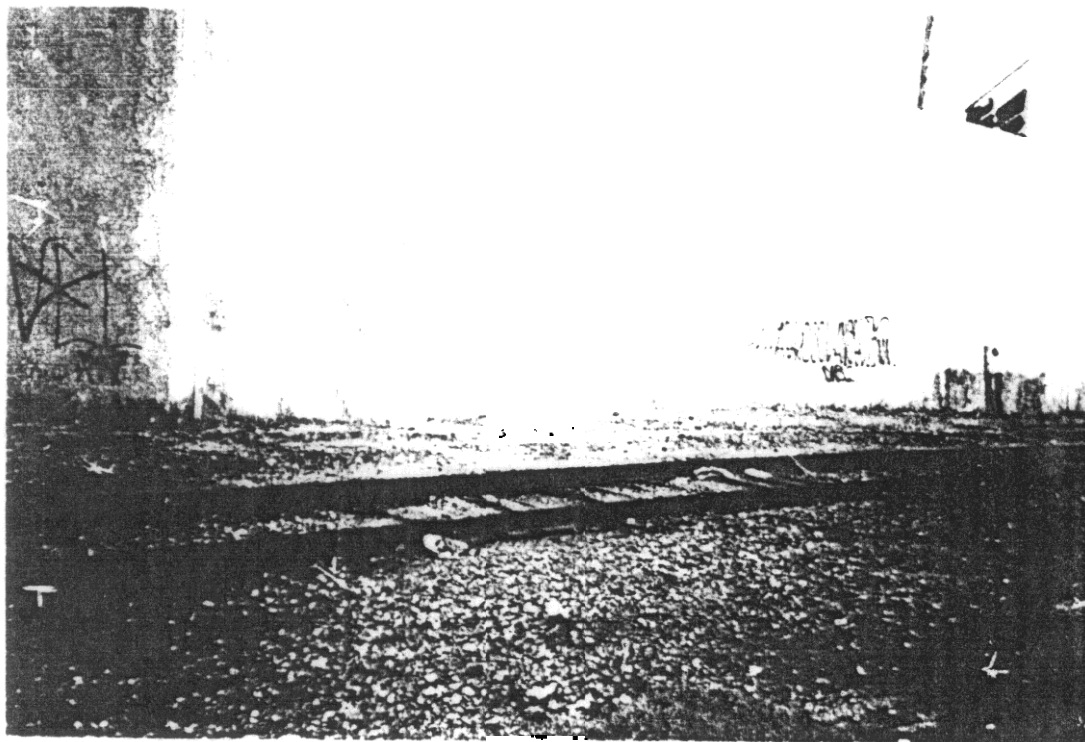
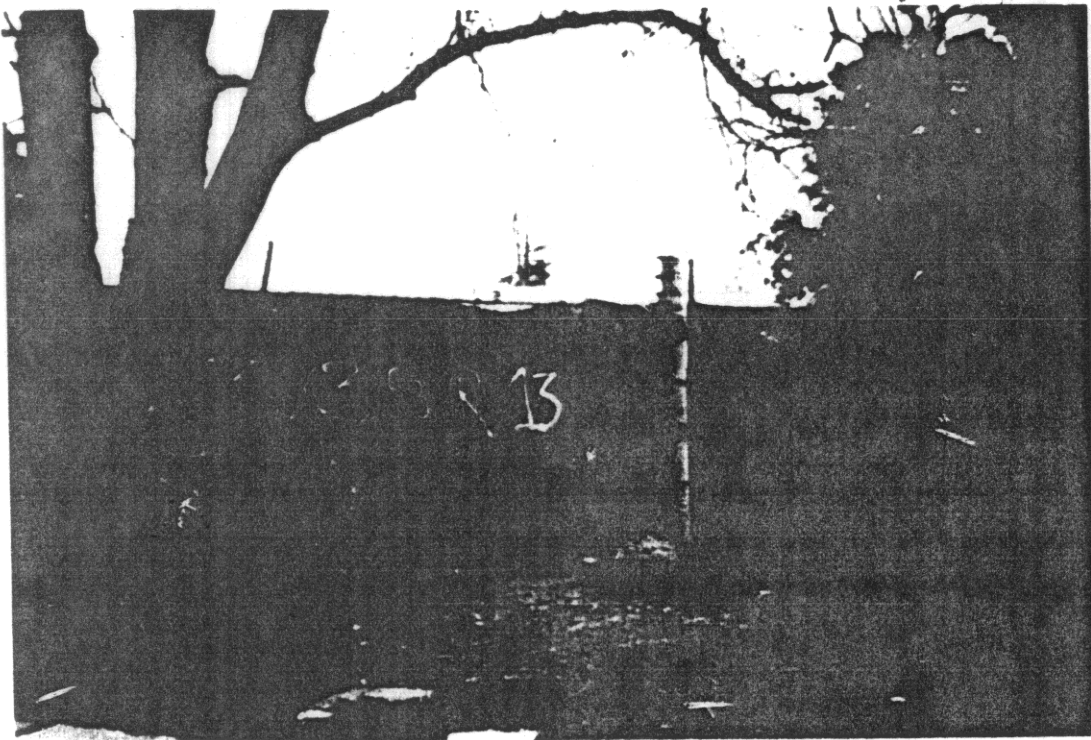
In exchange for this paint, you agree to ~~assume~~ all liability for any damage or injury caused or sustained by you, your agents and/or representatives directly or indirectly and hold the City of Stockton, its officers and employees harmless from any action brought upon the City as a result of your graffiti removal project or the paint provided by the City. You also represent that you have obtained prior written consent from the property owner to enter the property and to paint out the graffiti.

DON LLOYD, JR., DIRECTOR
HOUSING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

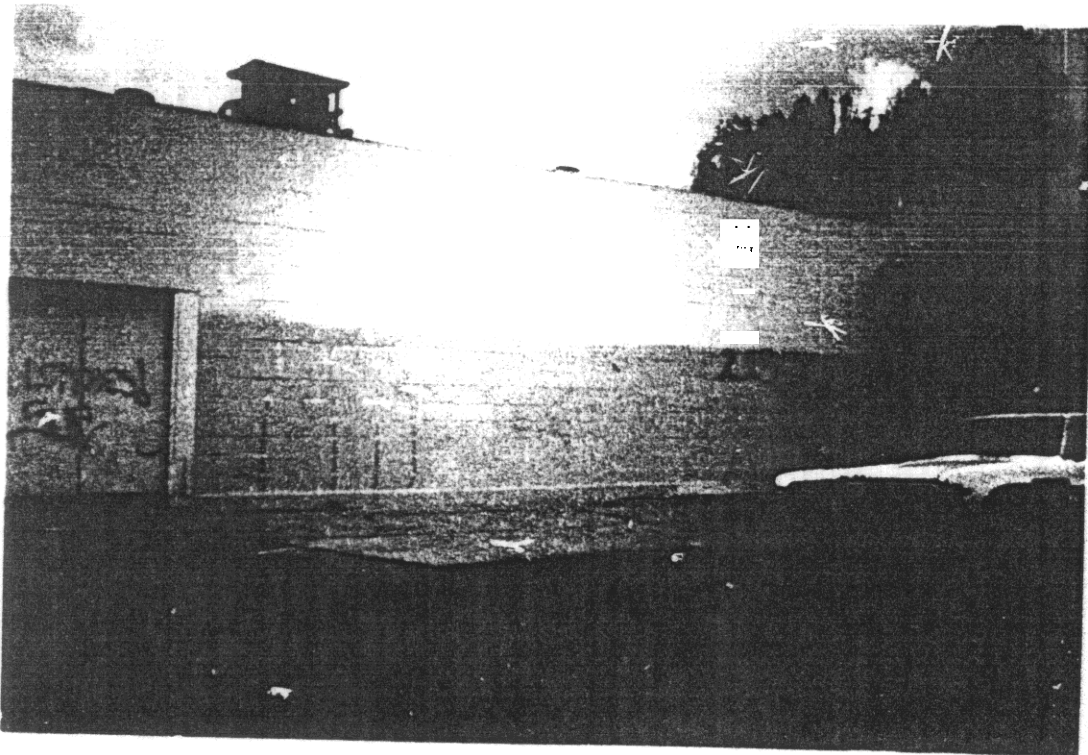
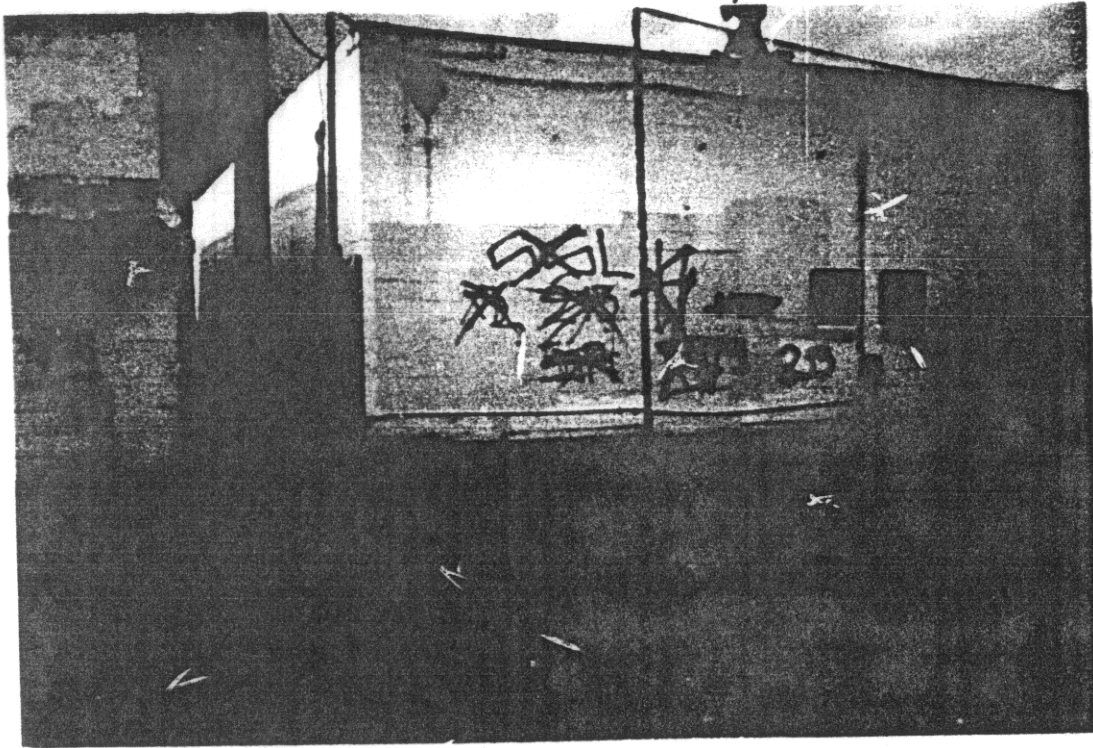
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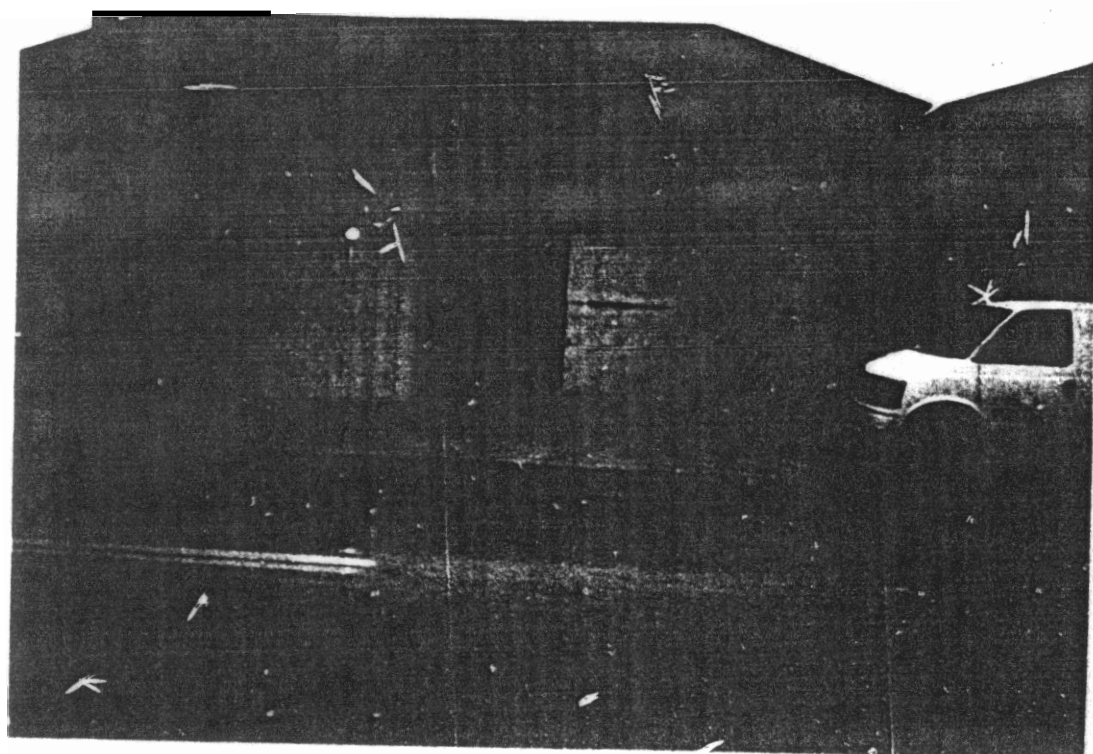
I agree and concur with the above terms and conditions set forth in this Memorandum of Understanding.

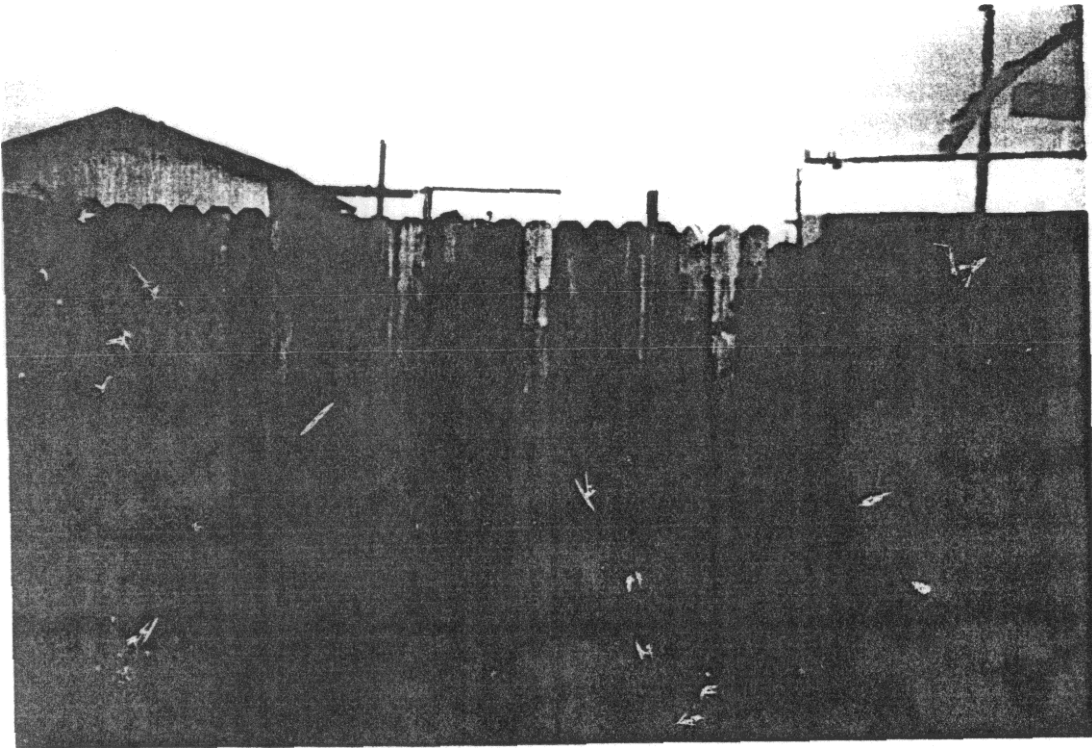




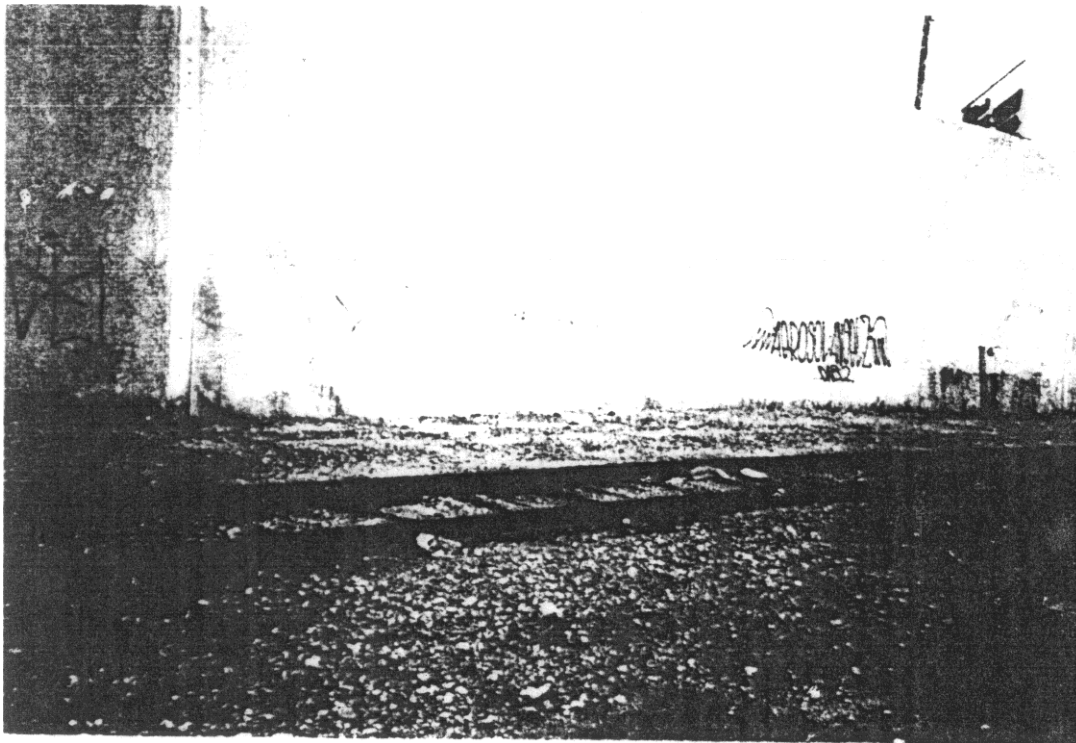
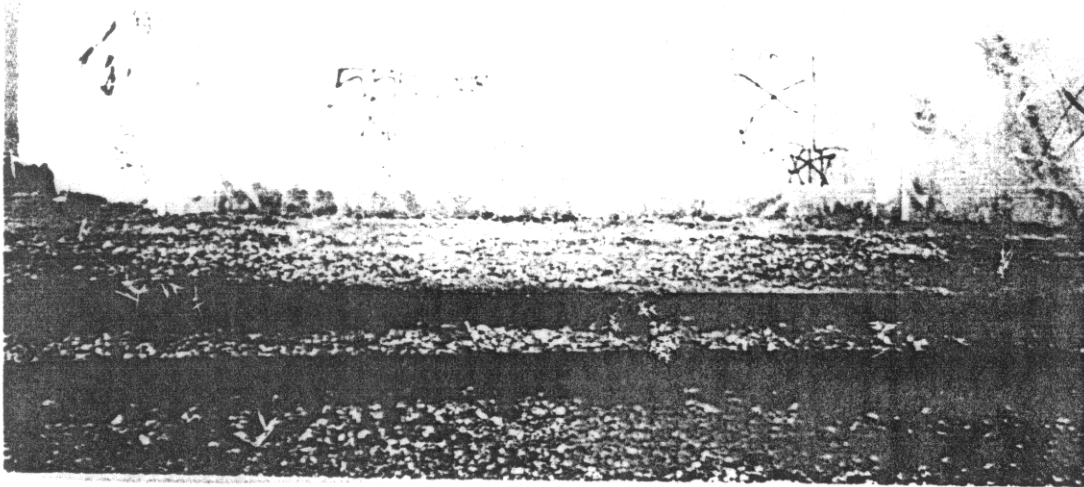


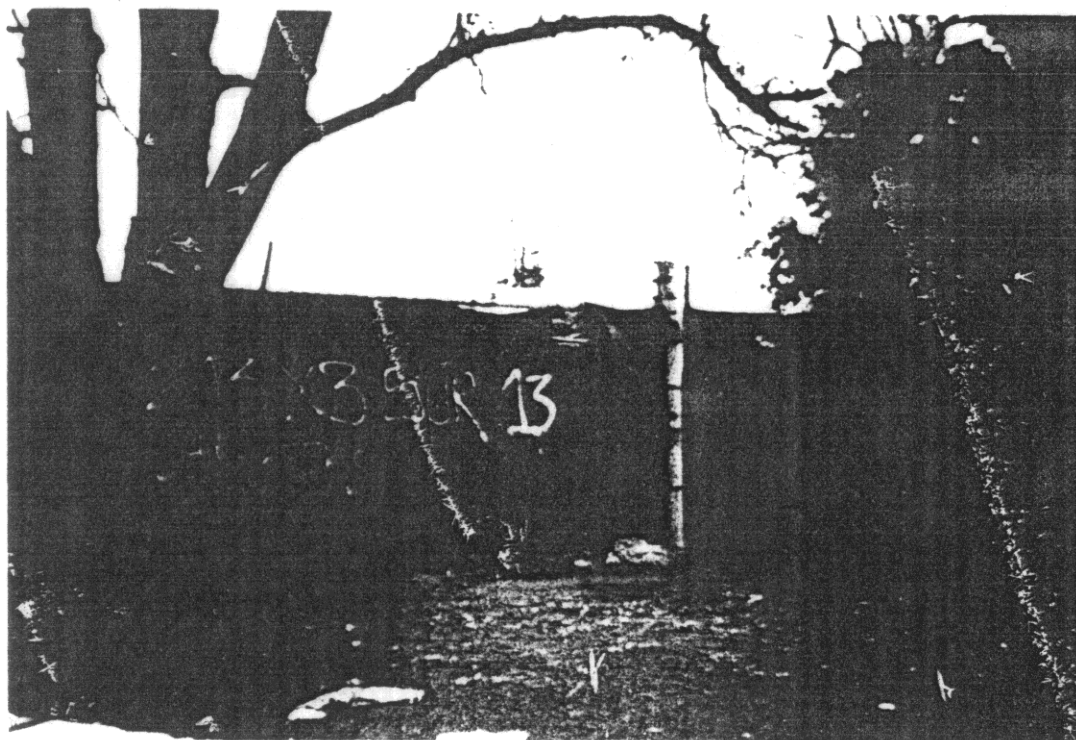


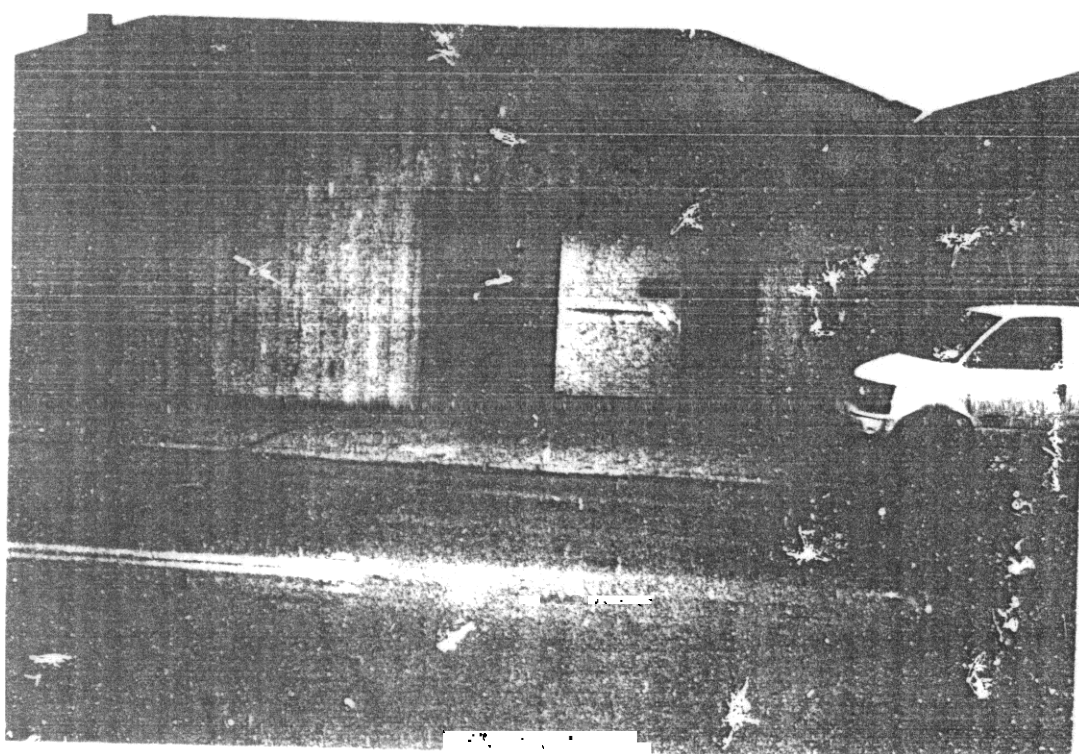
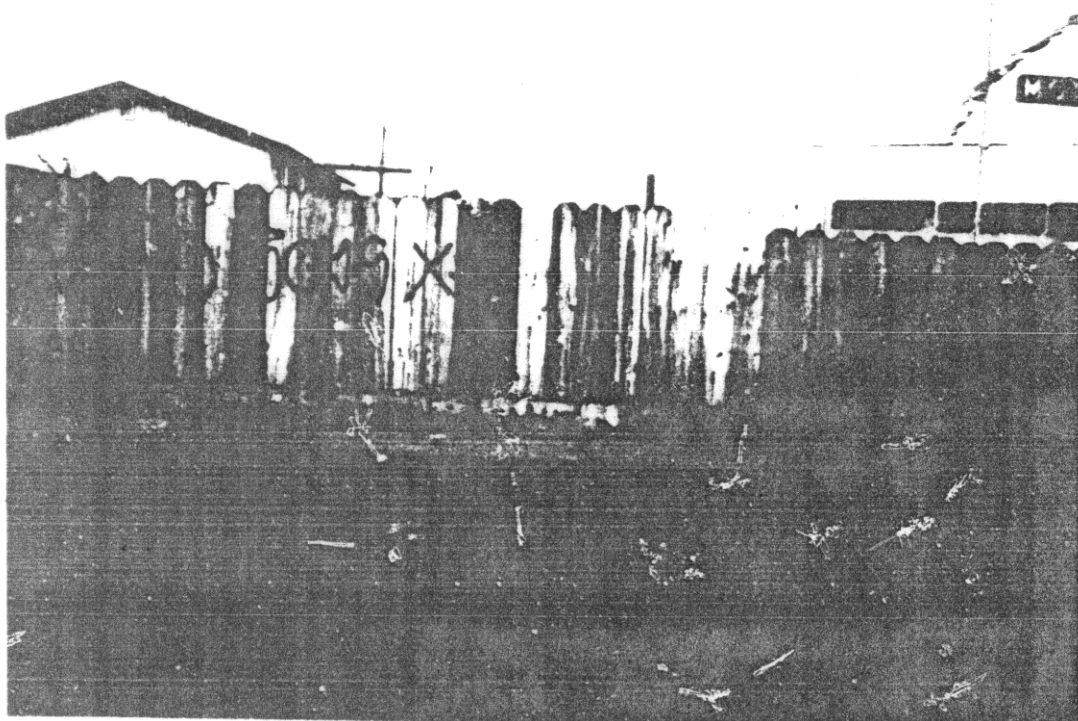


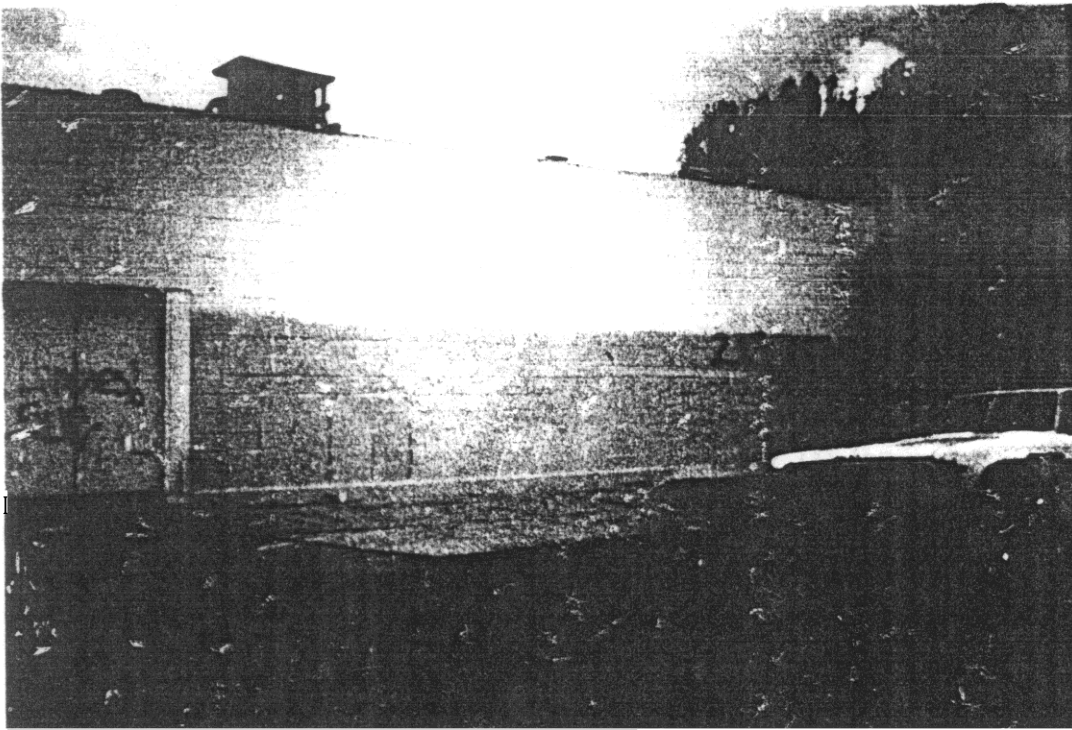
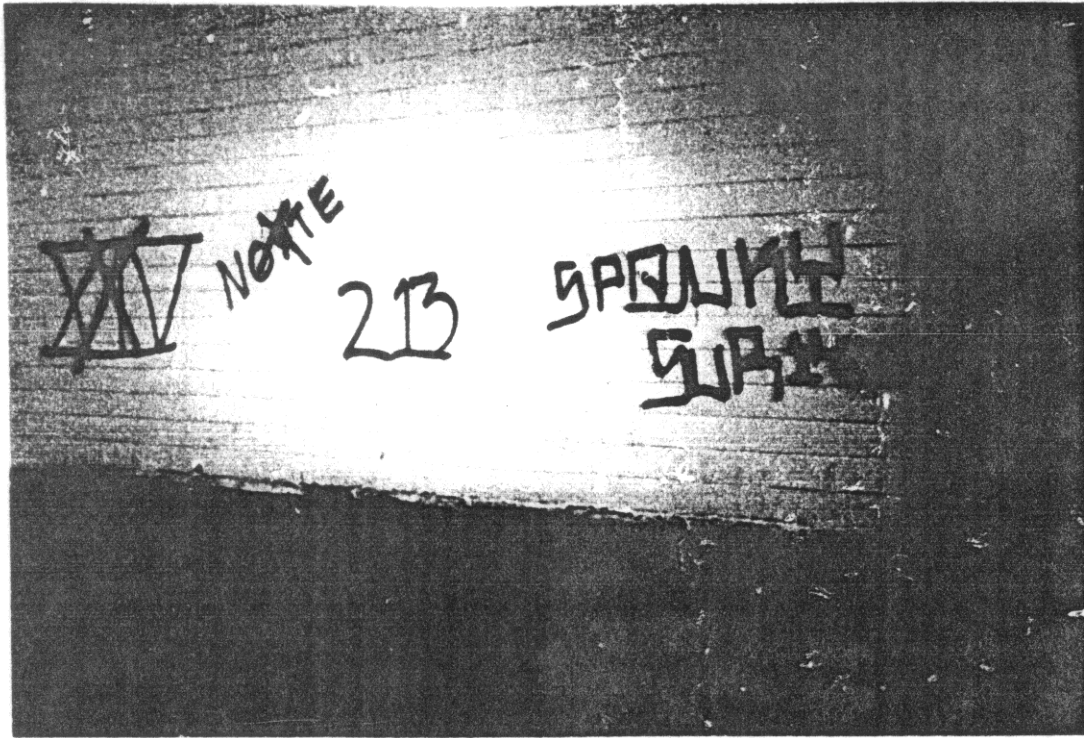


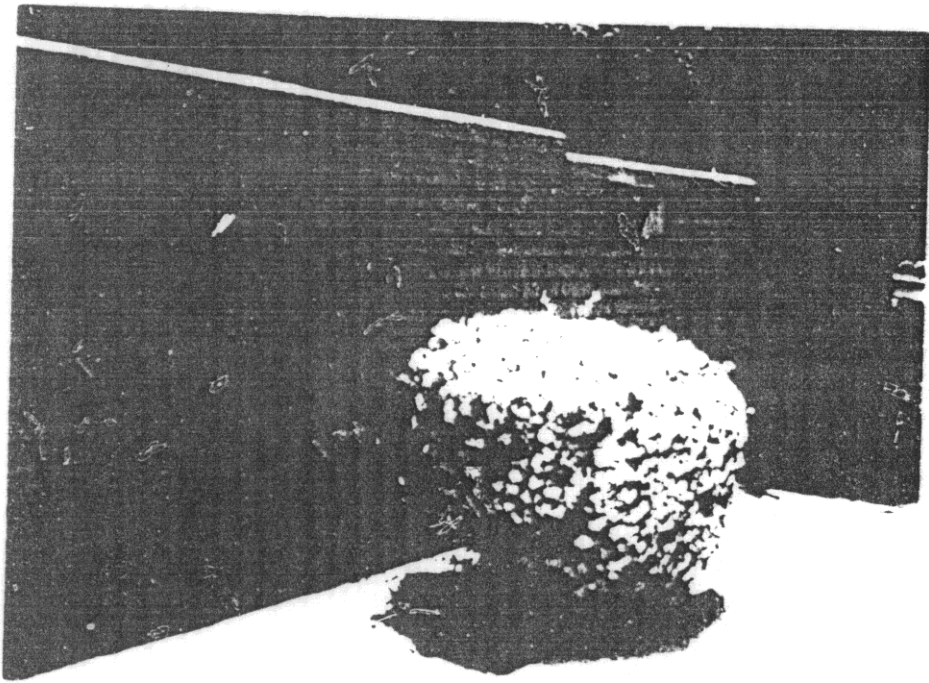
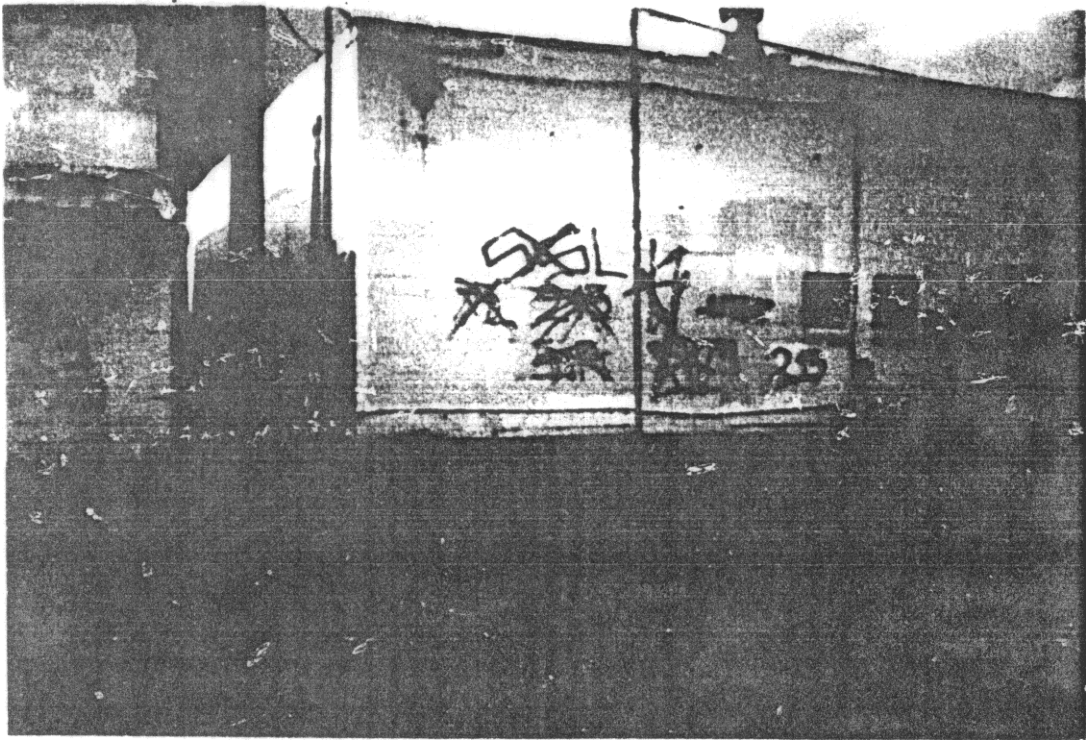
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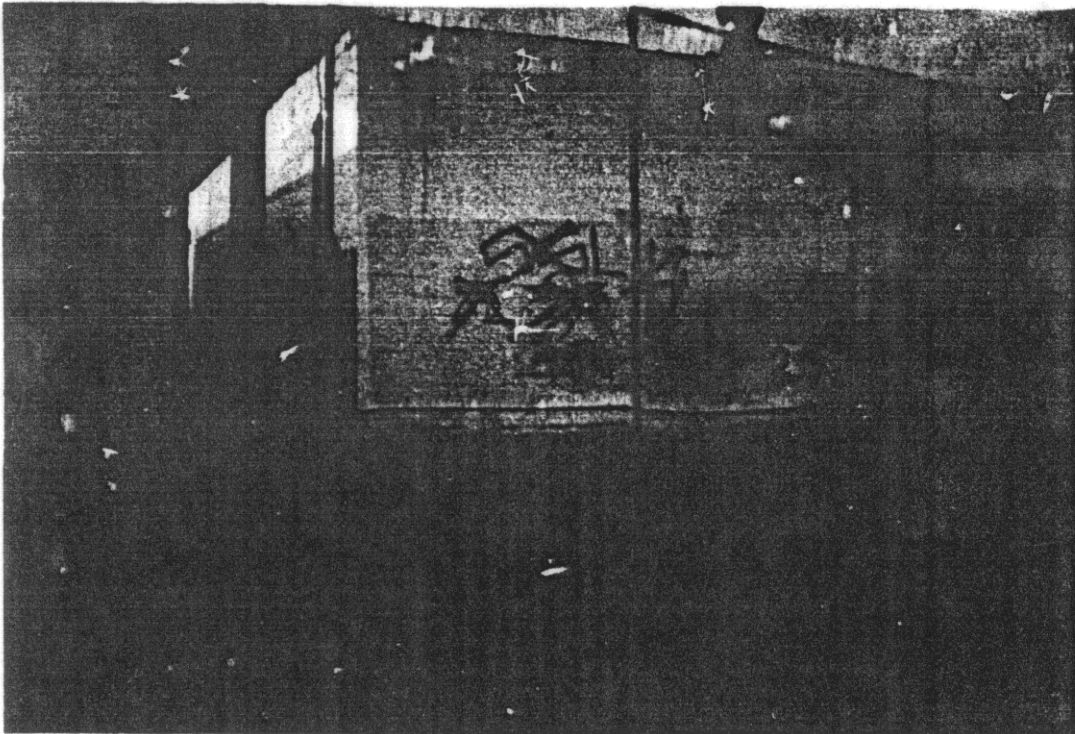


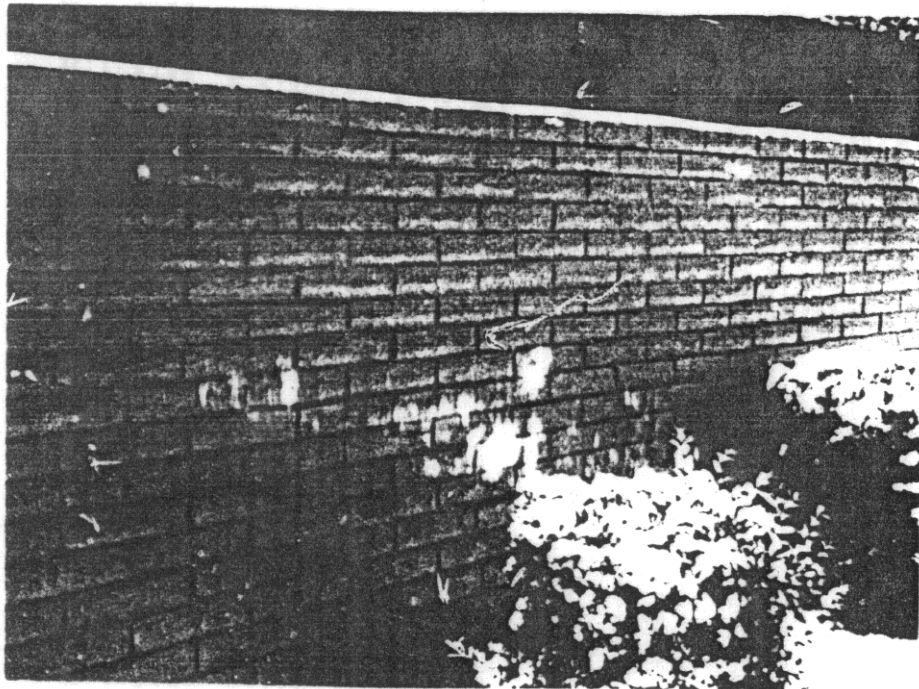


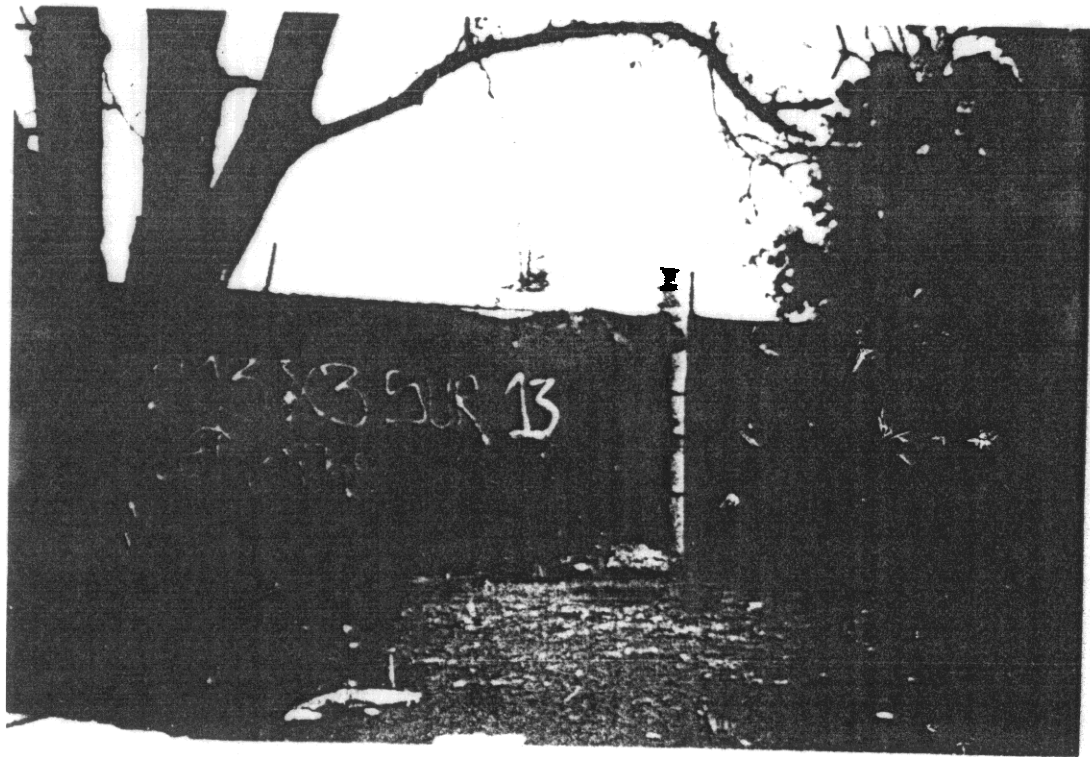
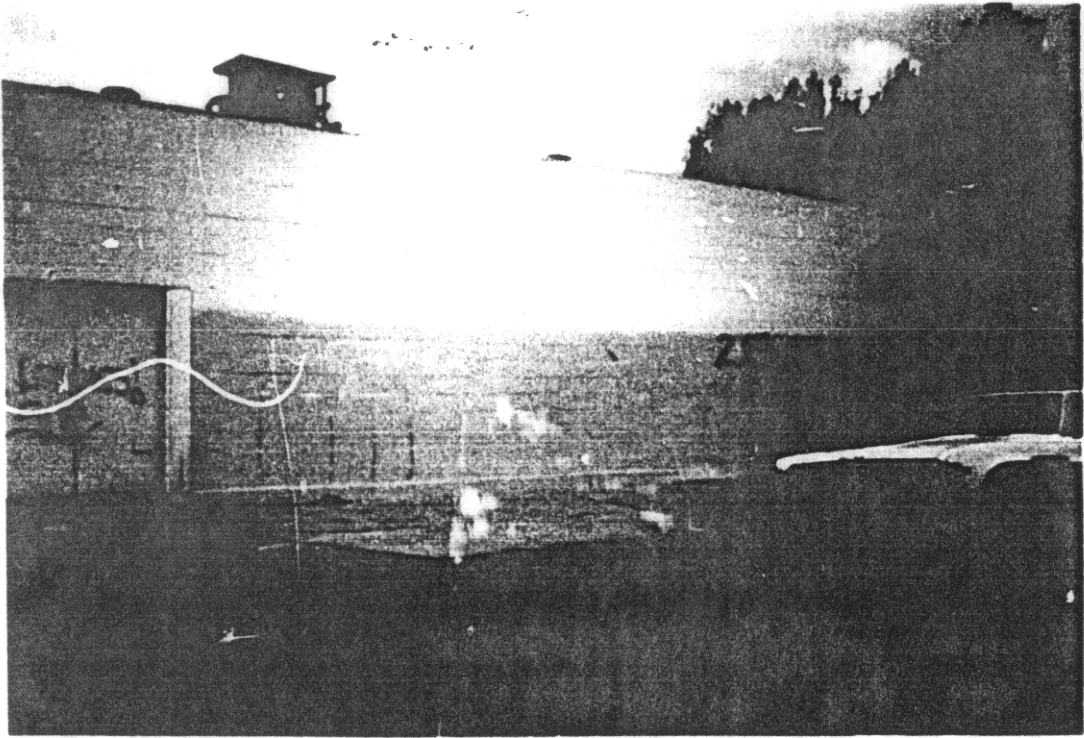


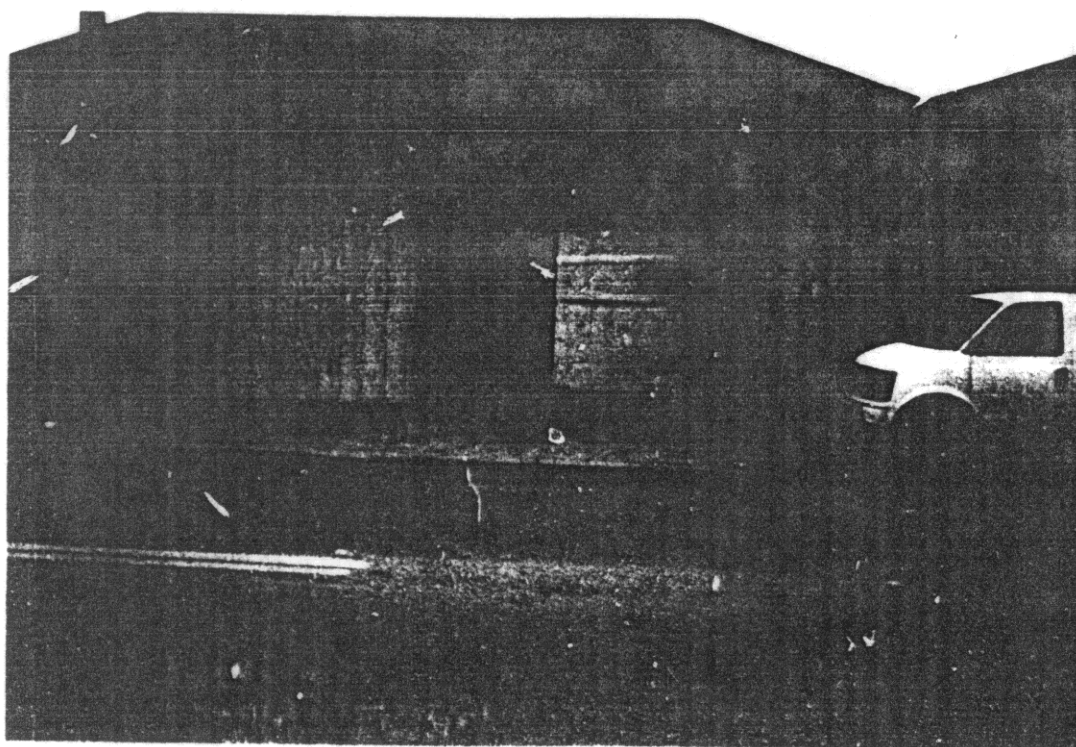
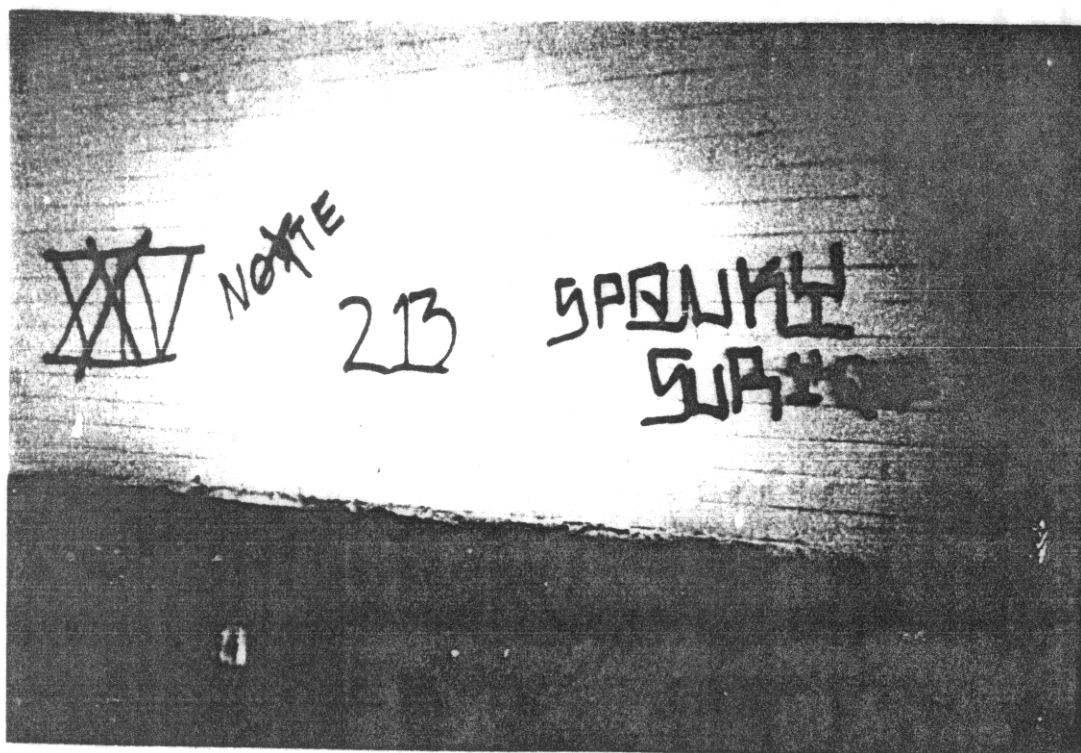


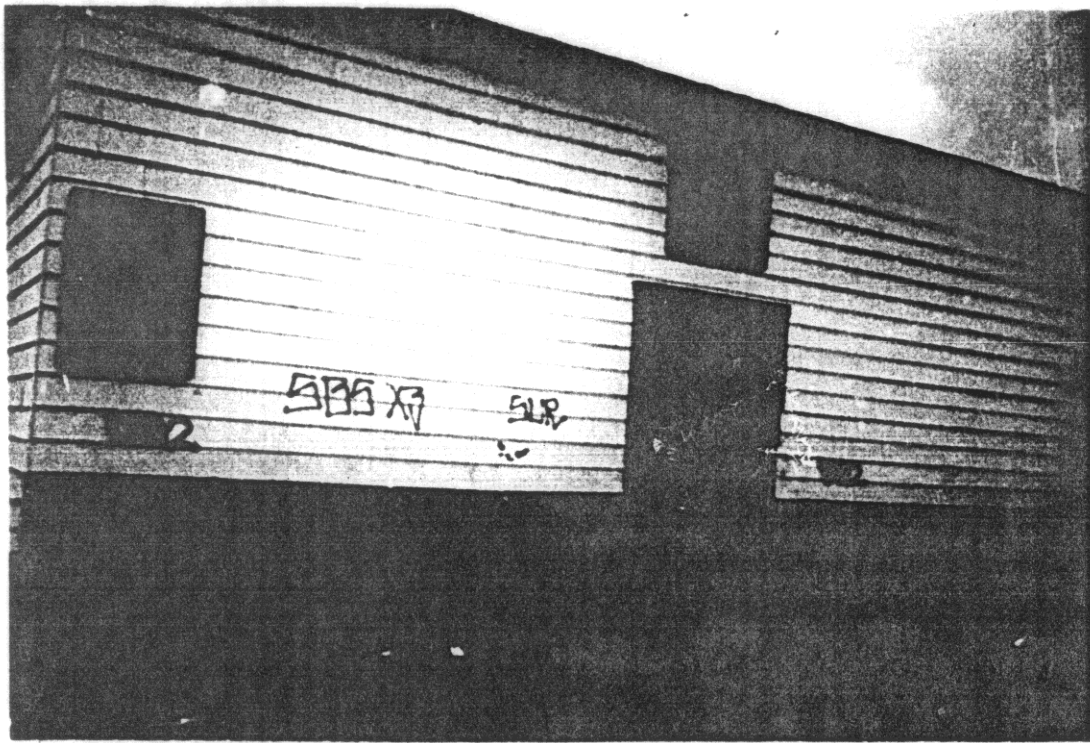


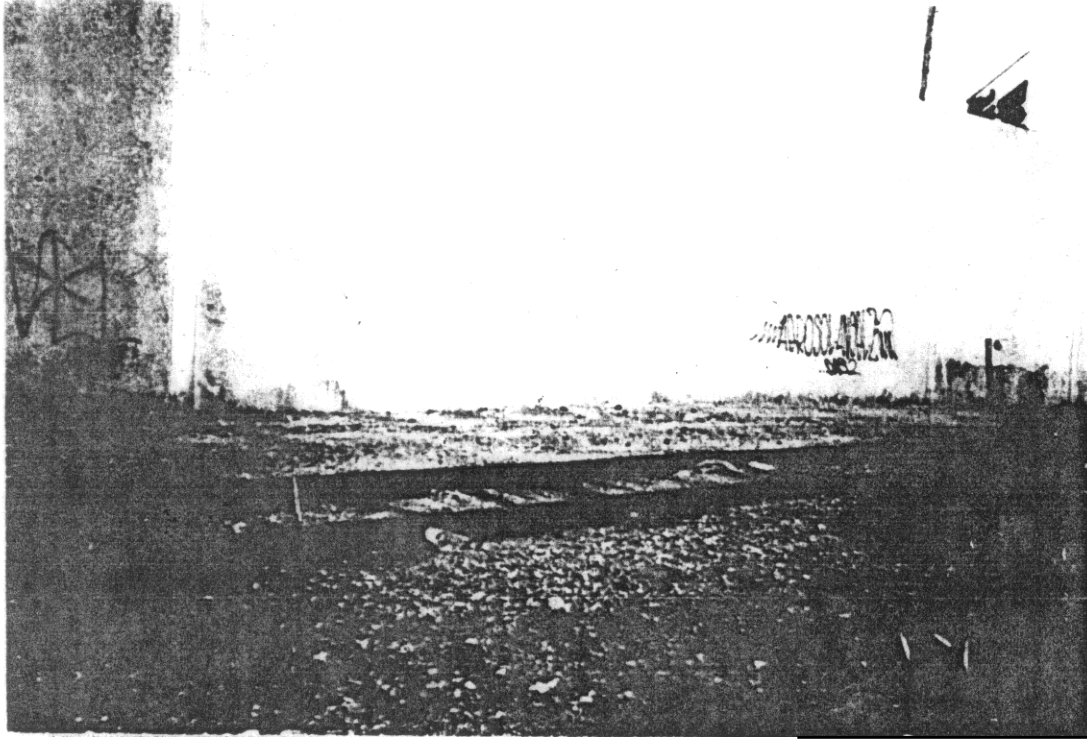


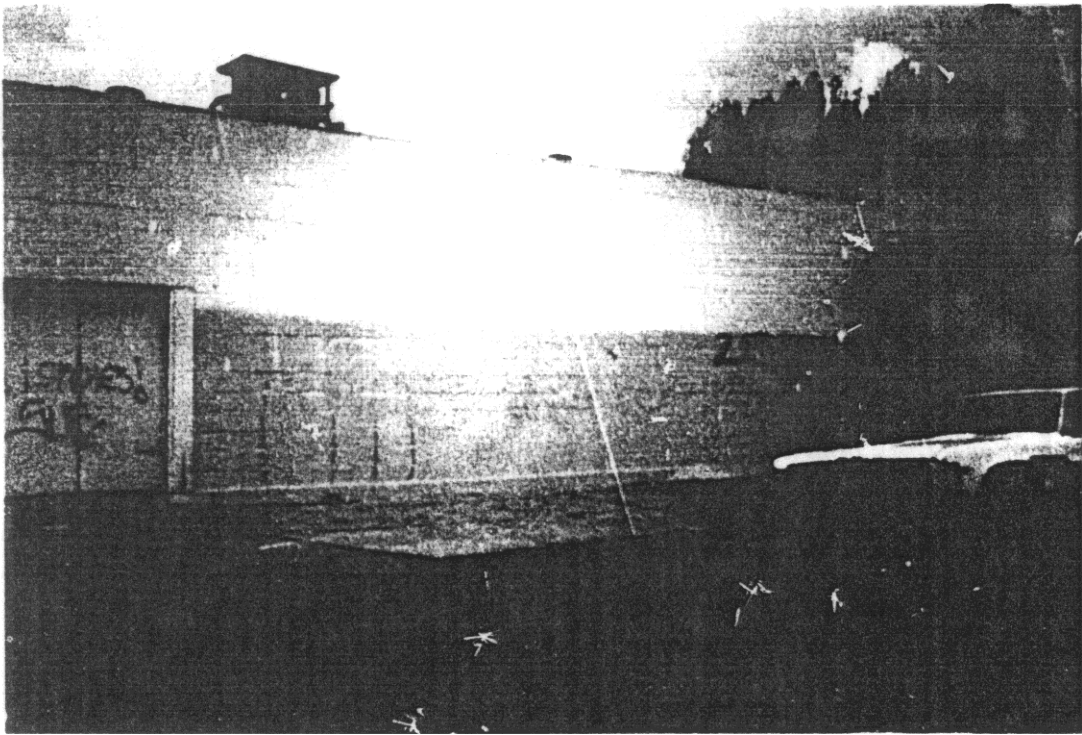
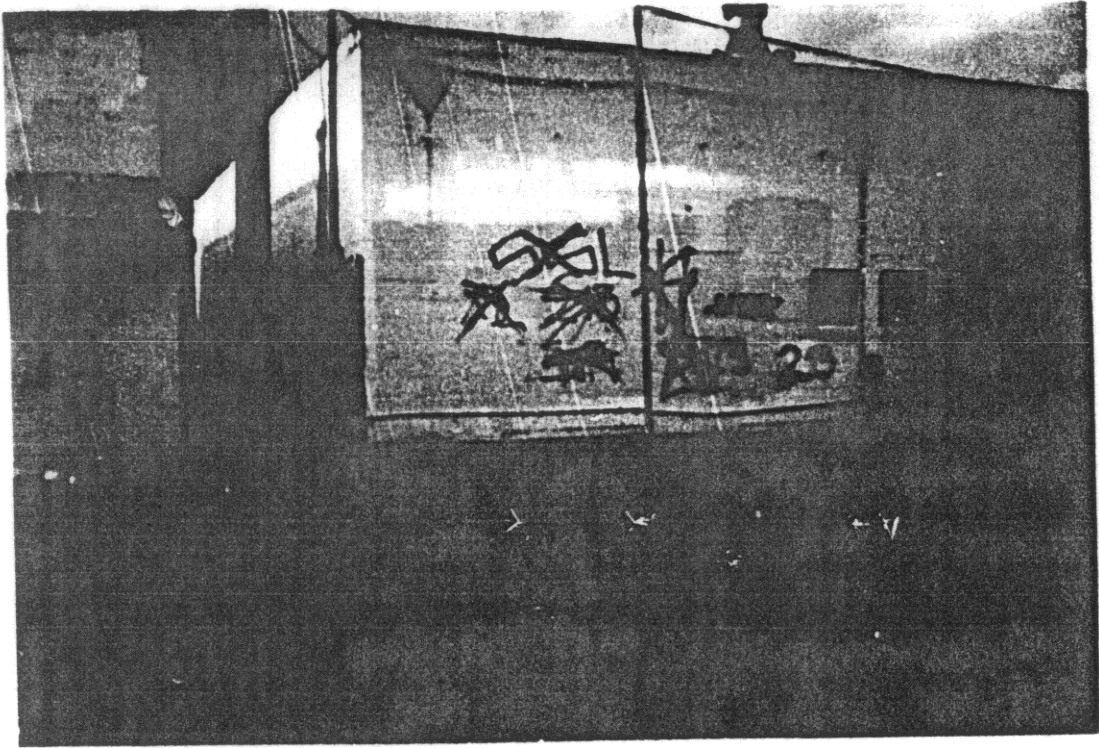


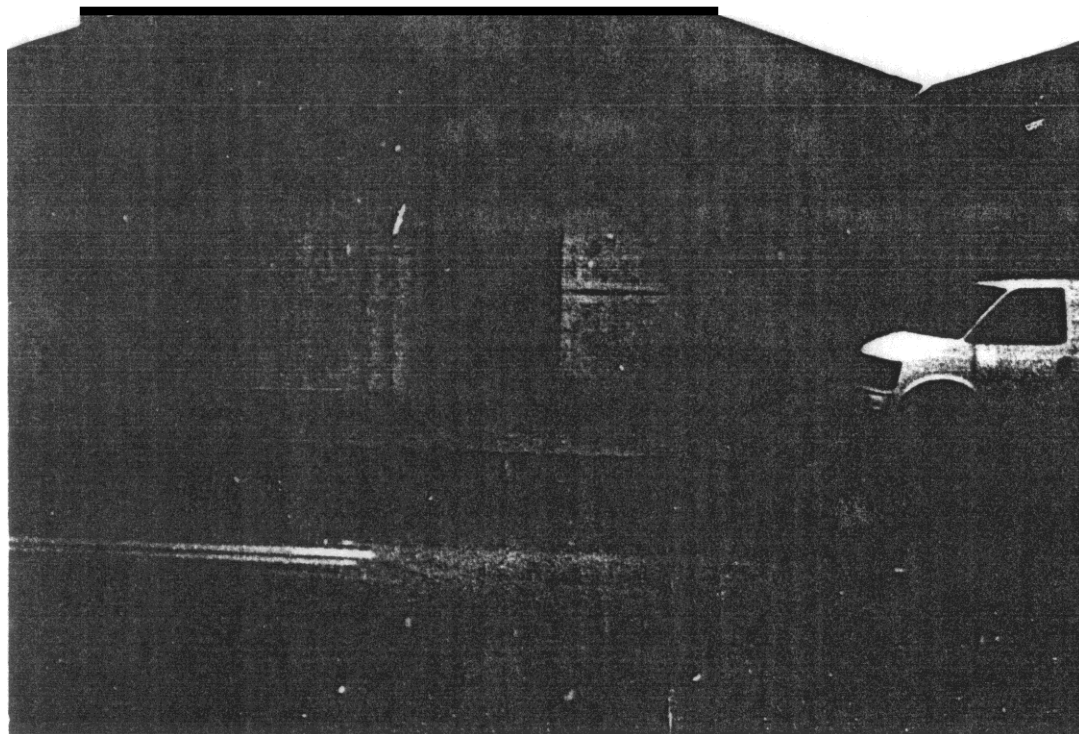


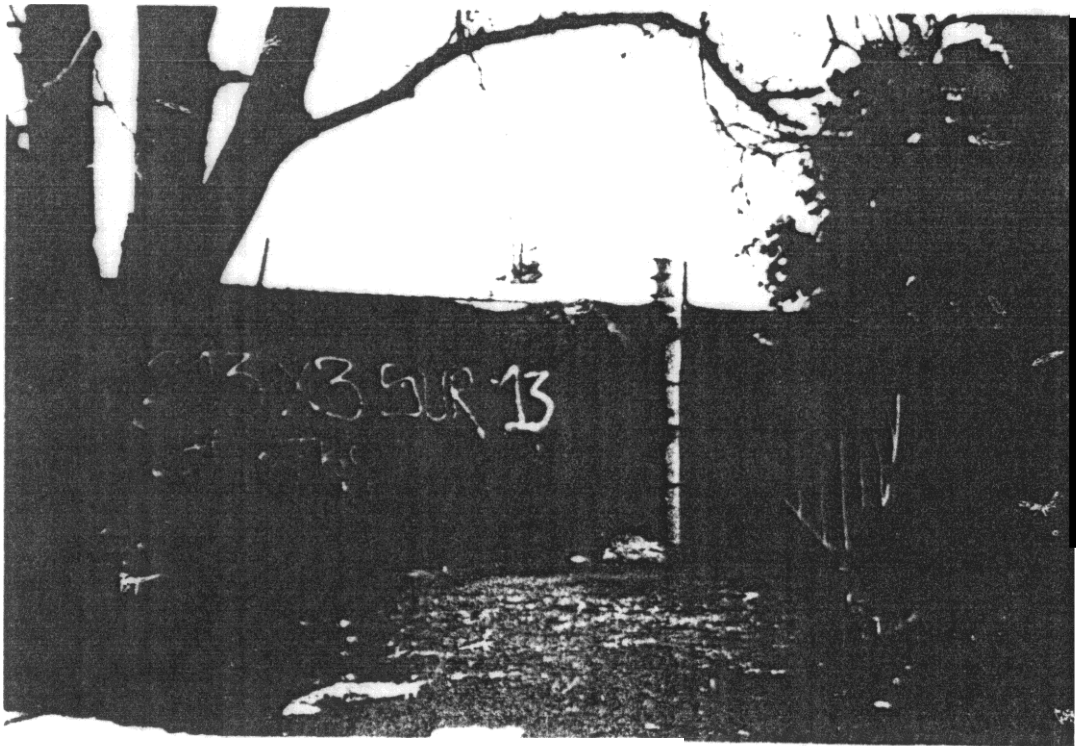
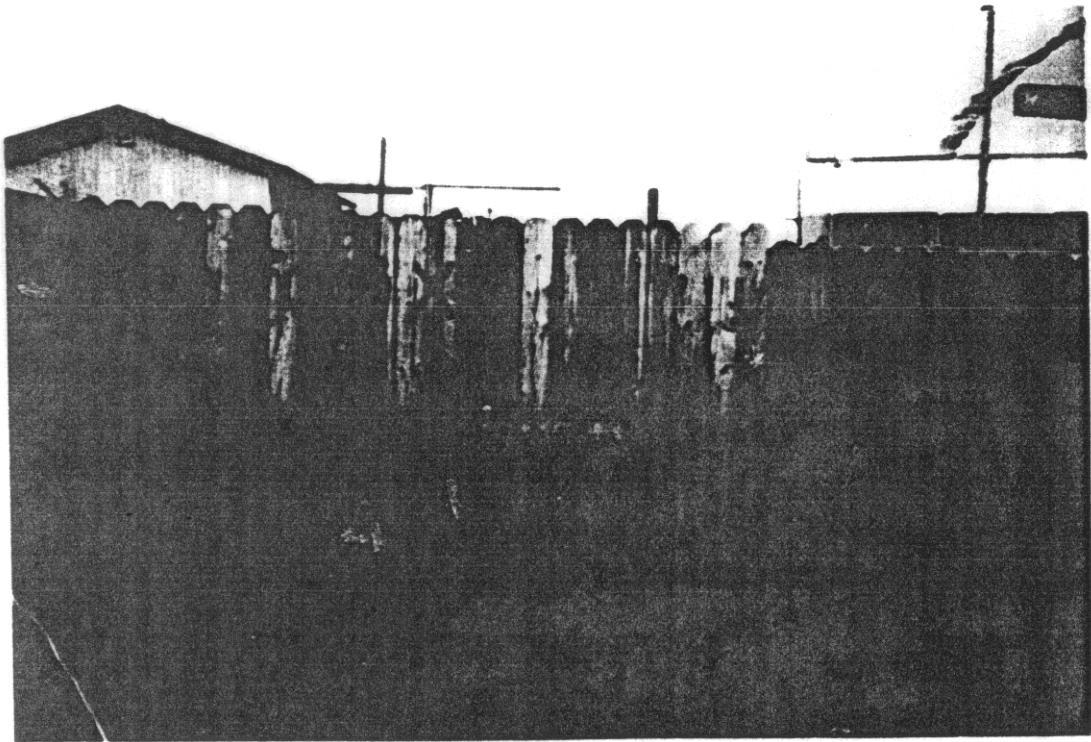


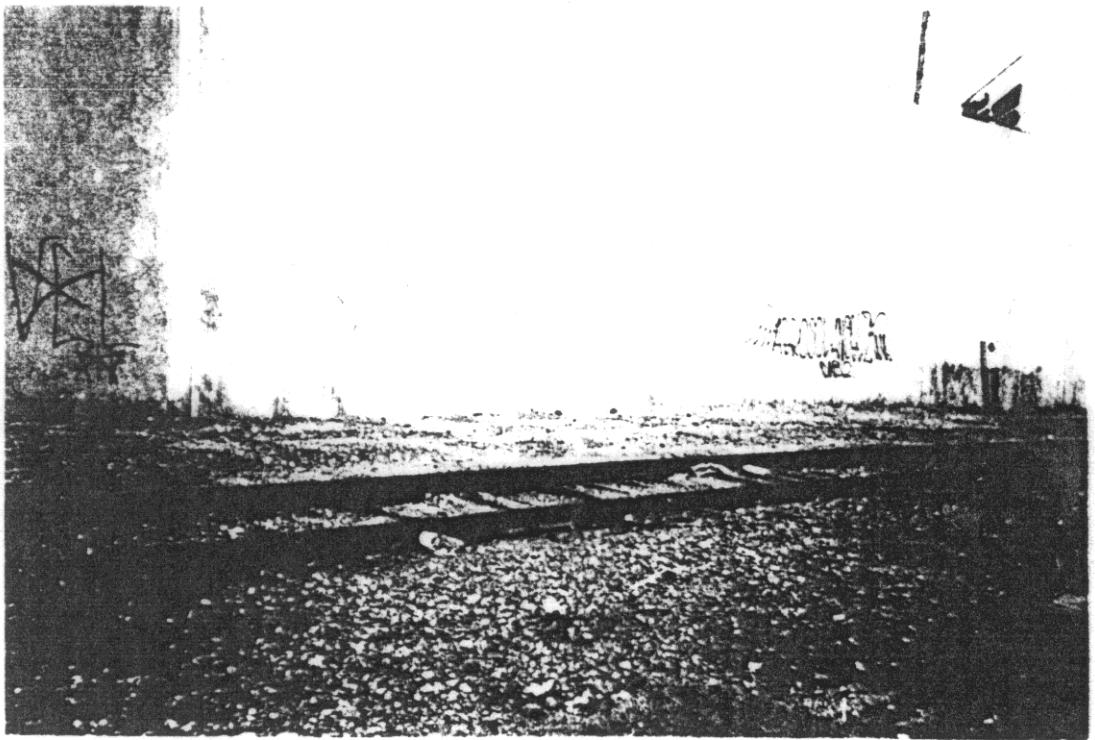


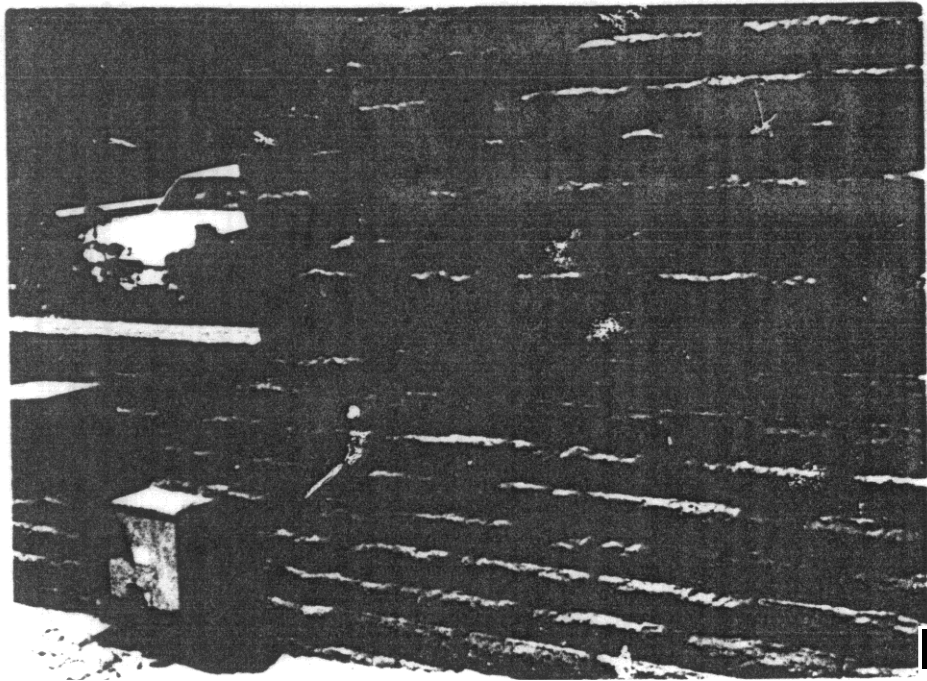
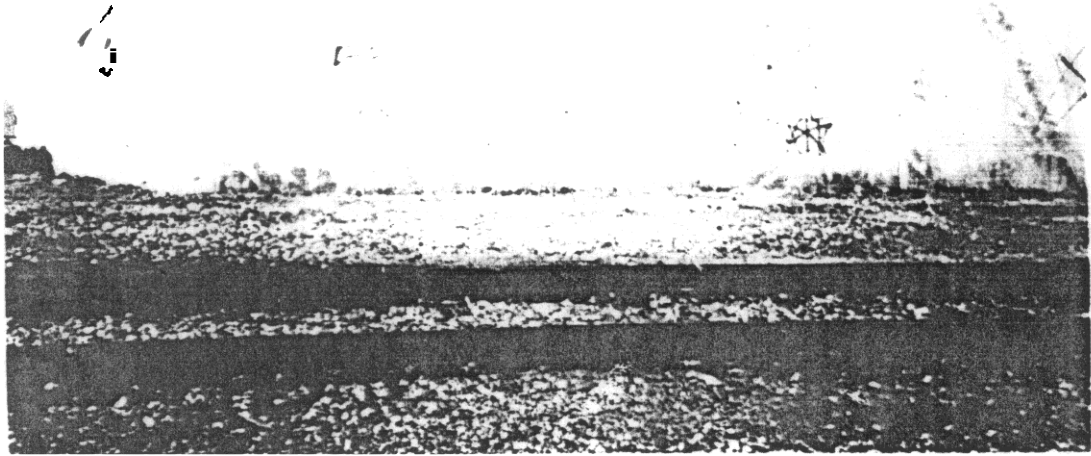












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CITY OF LODI
SPECIAL ALLOCATION REQUEST

TO: Finance Director

DATE: March 4, 1992

FROM: City Clerk

PROJECT NUMBER: 134.0-503.08,500

Request is made for funds to accomplish the following project which was not included in the current budget:

Description of Project	Estimated Cost
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Graffiti Abatement Program as approved by the Lodi City Council at its March 4, 1992 meeting

Funds to be allocated from the Hotel/Motel Tax Fund - \$9.000

(If you need more space, use additional sheet and attach to this form)

Date of Approval - March 4, 1992

Amount Approved - \$9,000

Council XXXXX

City Manager _____

FUND OR ACCOUNT TO BE CHARGED

Current Budget \$ _____ Prior Year Reserve \$ _____

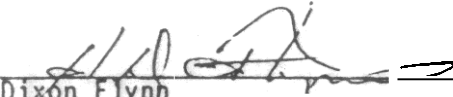
Contingent Fund \$ _____ General Fund Surplus \$ _____

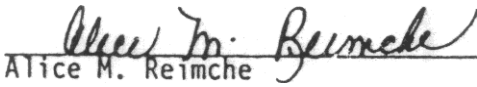
Capital Outlay Reserve \$ _____ Gas Tax Fond \$ _____

Utility Outlay Reserve \$ _____ Other (Election) \$ _____

Hotel/Motel Tax Reserve - \$ 134.0-69.0 9000.00

General Fund Operating Reserve \$ _____


Dixon Flynn
Finance Director


Alice M. Reimche
City Clerk

Submit this form in duplicate to the Finance Director. Distribution after approval will be as follows: 1) Originating Department 2) Finance Department